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Treasury Department
Office of the Asst. Secretary
January 2^d 1831

Sir I enclose you a letter from Mr. George W. Edelman
a clerk in the Treasury office, and will then
to report on the subject; and your opinion of Mr. Ed.
claims for compensation

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W. A. Wood

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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N 74
Treasury Department
Office Assistant Secretary
4 January 1857.

Sir,

Please report to the department what
amount of the Bullion fund at the Mint in
Philadelphia is in coin and can be made available
beyond the demand for reimbursement of outgoings
of Deposit. —

Respectfully
Yours truly
W. Moore

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

E. C. Dale Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

4751
Treasury Department
Office of Asst Secretary
January 7. 1851

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. in reply to mine of the 4th, inadvertently addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint instead of yourself. The Department has no intention to encroach upon your bullion fund to the inconvenience of the depositories, except in case of an absolute necessity which does not exist at present, but under the existing capabilities of the mint, it is hoped that you will soon be able to afford every needful accommodation to the public with a deposit for the bullion fund. So soon as any portion of the latter can be conveniently dispensed with, and made available for the current wants of the Treasury you will please advise the Department.

The copy of your letter to the Hon W King has been received,

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servt.
Wm L Hoag

Asst Secy. of the Treasury

R M Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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4751
Treasury Department
Office Apt Secretary
January 8 1851

Sir

I enclose a letter from the Postmaster at New York to the Post-office Department in this city, on the subject of a supply of gold dollars from the Mint in Philadelphia, in exchange for American Gold coins of a larger denomination.

This Department, in an anxious desire to relieve the inconvenience felt at the Post Office in New York, in consequence of the scarcity of change, wishes you to comply with the request so far as you can conveniently do so, and in order to save time, you will please communicate directly with the Postmaster at New York on the subject, and state where, and to what extent you can comply with the request.

Please enclose the
letter of Mr Brady }

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servt
Wm A. Hooge

Apt Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

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Treasury Department
Jan. 6, 1893.

Sir

You refer to your note by tele-
:graph, dated the 5th inst. and receive this
morning, I beg leave to refer you to the
2^d Sec. of the act of 3 March 1891 "to establish
Branches of the Mint of the United States" - in which
it is provided that the Superintendent shall
engage and employ as many Clerks & laborers
as shall be provided for by law.

Similar provision is contained in the act
of Jan. 18, 1892. The Director of the Mint being
empowered by that act to appoint the Clerks for
the Mints of the United States.

The Clerks of the as-
:tant Treasurers of the United States are appointed by
those officers subject always to the approval of
this Department.

I am very Respectfully

W. D. Lusk
Director Mint.

Proctor

11/27/51
Treasury Department
January 11 1851

Sir

The Department is desirous of testing with as little delay as possible the method of refining gold patented by Prof R S McCulloch, as well as that by Mr Booth, and wishes that this should be done by skilful workmen in presence of both of the above gentlemen. The delay which has always attended the testing of Mr McCulloch's method has been the cause of many complaints being presented to the Department, which it is desirous should now be completed as early as practicable.

You will please report to the Department when you can enter upon this business, and the probable time it will require, with any observations you may wish to offer on the subject.

Very respectfully
Your obt servant

Thos Moran

Secretary of the Treasury

R M Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
January 10th 1862

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New Orleans
will nominate his own clerk for the appraisal of this Depart-
ment, but the law confers on you the power to nominate
the clerk for the Treasurer of the Mint, in doing which
you will please consult his wishes in selecting a suitable
and capable person

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Servant

Secretary of the Treasury

P. M. McAlpin Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans
La

477.
Treasury Department
Jan: 15. 1851.

Sir

J. J. Wickes Esq. has been instructed this day by a letter from this Department, to hand over to you as his successor in office all the public funds in his possession, and also, all the Books, papers & accounts relating to the offices of Treasurer of the Branch Mint and up Treasurer U.S. at N. Orleans.

In case of any unnecessary delay on the part of Mr. Wickes to comply with the instruction you will be pleased to consult with the United States District Attorney as to the proper course to be taken.

A copy of the letter I am very Resp:
to Mr. Wickes is enclosed

Wm. De Bury Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint
N. Orleans

Thos. Brown
Sec. Treasury

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Treasury Department
January 17th 1851.

Sir,

The department will await the result of the further and final experiment spoken of in your letter of the 14th inst. for testing the methods of refining gold patented by Messrs. M^r. Cullon and Booth, and hope to have your answer within the time proposed.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
Wm. L. George

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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47⁸¹
Treasury Department
25th Jan'y 1857

Sir,

I will thank you to
furnish the information asked
for by Prof. Foster in his com-
munication of this date.
henceforth transmitted. For
the purposes desired it will
be necessary that your
report be made by return
mail, accompanied by Prof.
F's letter.

I am resp^t
Yr ass^t

Thos Cowan

S. R. McPatterson

Secy of the Dep^t

Director of Mint

Phil^a

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.
Sept 1851

Sir

The great scarcity of silver coins
has created an urgent demand for one dollar pieces, of
dollar and quarter Eagle pieces. Such representations
have been made to this Department as to demand it
imperative that some steps shall be taken to supply
that demand so far as it can properly be done.
I have therefore to request a report, at as early a day
as possible, of the capacity of the Mint for a daily
issue of dollar pieces, and also of quarter eagles, and
the objections, if any, to the immediate employment
of all or a portion of that capacity, in the coinage
of the denominations of coin above referred to.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt

R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Thos. Corwin
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
January 21st 1857

Sir,

The great scarcity of Silver coins has created an urgent demand for our gold issues of dollar and quarter Eagle pieces. Such representations have been made to this Department as rendered it imperative that some steps shall be taken to supply that demand so far as can properly be done. I have therefore to request a report, at as early a day as possible, of the capacity of the Mint for a daily issue of dollar pieces, and also of quarter eagles, and the objections, if any to the immediate employment of all or a portion of that capacity, in the coinage of the denominations of Coin above referred to —

Very respectfully
&c
Thos Corwin
Sery Treas

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Phila^a —

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Treasury Department
Savannah 24th 1850

Sir:

I have to inform you that as authorized
by the President Gen Joseph R. Ingalls of
Philadelphia. Professor Ed. Hitchcock.
President of Amherst College Massachusetts.
Stephen Colwell. Charles B. Sego and Daniel
B. Smith Esqs of Philadelphia, and Maria
M. Stone Esq of New York have been appointed
to attend the Annual asay at the Mint on
the Second Monday the 16th day of February next.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Robt Brown
Secretary of the Treasury

G. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

enclosed are the letters of appointment

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Treasury Department
January 31st 1851.

Sir

As various complaints have been made to the Department of delay in the coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and in the redemption of its deposit certificates, the Department with a view to assist in obviating this delay, has recently replaced the \$230,000 which had been withdrawn from the bullion fund, and so soon as its available funds on your city will permit, it will add an additional sum of \$250,000 to said fund.

Whilst the Department is thus applying its means in order so far as practicable to remove all cause of just complaint on the part of the community, it of course expects that the officers of the Mint will second its efforts by giving all prudent activity to its operations, and push the coinage with all possible vigor. So soon as the bullion fund is increased to its maximum limit of \$1,100,000, the Department hopes that with proper exertions on the part of the Officers, both in assaying and coining the Mint will be able to redeem promptly all

the certificates of deposits so soon as the value
of the bullion is ascertained, and that even
under the present amount of this fund, but
very little if any, delay will occur except under
an unexpected inflow of bullion

Very respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt.

Thos. Corwin

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Alpin Esq

Supt. Br Mint

New Orleans

La.

480,

Treasury Department
January 31st 1857

Sir

As various complaints have been made to the Department of delay in the coinage at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and in the redemption of its deposit certificates, the Department with a view to assist in obviating this delay has recently replaced the \$250,000 which had been withdrawn from the bullion fund, and so soon as its available funds in your city will permit it will add an additional sum of \$250,000 to said fund.

While the Department is thus applying its means, in order so far as practicable to remove all cause of just complaint on the part of the community, it of course expects that the Officers of the Mint will second its efforts by giving all prudent activity to its operations, and push the coinage with all possible vigor. So soon as the bullion fund is increased to its maximum limit of \$1,000,000, the Department hopes that with proper caution on the part of the Officers both in assaying and refining

the Mint will be able to redeem promptly all
certificates of deposits so soon as the value of
the bullion is ascertained, and that even under
the present amount of this fund, but very little,
if any, delay will occur except under an unex-
pected influx of bullion

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.

Thorburn

Secretary of the Treasury

William B. E. B. Esq.

Treasurer

Branch Mint

San Francisco

La

460,
Treasury Department
February 11, 1868

The Department having placed \$100,000 in gold bullion for the Branch Mint at New Orleans under a commission of \$100,000 believes that this sum under ordinary circumstances, will be amply sufficient to meet all deposits of gold bullion so soon as they are assayed and the value ascertained, but learning by your letter of the 1st ult. that the accumulated unassayed bullion amounts to \$100,000 and being desirous of promptly relieving the commission under which it is stored the commission being in consequence of so large an amount being stored unassayed, you are instructed to send your attention principally if not exclusively to the coming of larger denominations of gold coins, until you have reduced the amount of gold bullion, that the demand the Mint can be promptly met by the bullion fund and you will forward the same soon as future supply of unassayed bullion.

The Department confides its letter of the 1st ult. stating that the general operations of the Mint will be pushed with vigor, and so soon as circumstances will allow you to do so with a due regard to the convenience of depositors, you will have your

attention to the smaller gold coins, to aid in
supplying the vacuum in the currency occasioned
by the scarcity of silver coin

Very respectfully
Yours etc etc

The Hon^{ble}
Secretary of the Treasury

A. M. M. Alfani Esq
Superintendent of
the R^{ail} Road
New Orleans

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Treasury Department
February 5th 1851

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd ult with
requisition of \$31325 for the current expenses of the
Mint at New Orleans, and in reply state that the
balance remaining from the appropriations for incidental and
disjoint expenses for the current year is only \$7777 which is
sufficient to which your requisition can be complied with under
its head, and which together with the other items of the
requisition will be remitted agreeably to your request to
Assistant Treasurer

As the present demand is unusually large you
please report more in detail the items for which it is
required, and explain how the charges have thus ac-
cumulated beyond the ordinary amount previously placed
at the disposal of the Officers of the Mint for the purpose
of meeting its current expenditures

It is also to be observed that the item of \$5000
Machinery, and Machinist can only be applied to the
Mint as there is no express appropriation for Machinist
but as one of the employees of the Mint, and his compensation
is not therefore, be paid from the appropriation for machinery
The Department will take the present occasion to
renew the observance of a judicious economy in the

expenses of the establishment, which is the more necessary
as you perceive that your present requisition has already
exhausted one item of the appropriation for the balance
of the current year.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c
Robinson

Secretary of the Treasury

R. H. McMillan Esq.

Sept 13. Mint

New Orleans

La.

482,

Treasury Department
February 5th 1851

Sir

The other Departments are applying for a supply of gold dollars and the Department wishing so far as it can be done without too great inconvenience to the operations of the Mint to comply with the requests, is desirous of ascertaining from you to what extent you could supply such demands per month

Very respectfully

Wm A. Smith

Asst. Secy

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

4821
Treasury Department
February 3^d 1857.

Sir
I am instructed by the Hon Secretary of the Treasury
to transmit for your information and government a copy of
a letter of this date addressed to the Superintendent of
the Branch Mint at New Orleans

Very respectfully
Yours etc etc
Wm C. C. C.

Asst Secretary of the Treasury

William Debuys
Treasurer of Br Mint
New Orleans
La

4 8 31
Treasury Department
February 6th 1837

Sir

I enclose a letter from the Banking house of
Pease & Co. New York requesting that the public money
in the Sub Treasury at that City may be applied
to the redemption of Mint certificates. With a
bullion fund of \$4,700,000 at your command the
Department is at a loss to understand how there can
be any delay in redeeming such certificates, even
with uncoined bullion on hand to the extent of
six millions of dollars, as a considerable portion of
the latter it is presumed is always unapayed, and
the value being thus undetermined no certificates can
have issued for that portion. You will please report
on the subject as promptly as possible returning at
the same time the letter of Pease & Co.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt

Thos. M. Moore

Secretary of the Treasury

Robert M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

485.
483.

Treasury Department
February 1 1851

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th and in reply I have the honor to state that the Department is still unable to understand how the indebtedness of the mint amounts to six millions of dollars unless the unissued bullion on hand made by that sum the amount of your bullion fund, or in other words that the bullion on hand amounts to payments.

When you say that the bullion fund is not a gold command, the Department understands that this is the case only because it is already invested in unissued bullion, the owners of which have of course been paid for it to the extent of said fund and this unissued bullion is consequently now the property of the United States. It is paid for in coin, as you say, only after all other operations have ceased then coin, and that said bullion forms a reserve of the six millions which the Department is to expend on the mint amount of bullion on hand. If however in addition to the bullion command to payments belonging to the United States (having been purchased by the bullion fund) you have besides six millions more of bullion on hand, your details are intelligible, but not otherwise. And the Department thought wishes and further explanations will enable it fully to understand the

facts of the case

The Department has no present intention
of diminishing or increasing the bullion fund at the Mint

Very respectfully

Yours &c

Pro &c

Secretary of the Treasury

P. M. Patman Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

4 441
Treasury Department
Feb. 28. 1861.

Sir

Your communication dated the 6th inst. has been received and the Secretary of the Navy has been advised that the sum of the Navy Fund can be supplied monthly with \$3000 in gold dollars.

It is now more probable that the Treasury will require about \$100,000 to be transferred from Philad^a to Washington about the close of this month and it will be a great accommodation to the community here if he can be supplied with a reasonable proportion of the amount say in $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ eagles and dollars. —

I am very Resp^t

Robt. W. Patterson

Secy of the Treasury

W. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint
Philad^a

484,
Treasury Department
11 February 1861

Sir

The Department has desired
to authorize the sub-treasurer at
New York to redeem outstanding
gold certificates to the extent of
two millions of dollars in the
view of relieving the community from
the present inconvenience arising
from the large amount of such
certificates now circulating.

The Department desires
to have a report from you on the
most advisable mode of carrying
this into effect whether the gold
certificates should be put over-
boarded to the Mint or whether
if they are to be presented at New York
any additional precaution will be
necessary to guard against fraud
from forgery or otherwise. The certificates
to be redeemed should be those of
the earliest outstanding if presented on
memorial order & if the presentation
at New York a list with full details

into the mountain range & announce
should be prepared by your Spaniards
the Captain's presence at that
place

very respectfully

Yr obedt servt

Wm H. C. G.

Applachicola

C. W. Catron Esq

Quentin's Monument

Chillicothe

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Treasury Department
February 12th 1861

Sir

The Department being desirous of relieving as far as practicable the inconvenience under which it has been represented the mercantile and financial community are at present suffering by reason of the heavy accumulation of uncoined gold bullion and the consequent large amount of mint certificates that are now outstanding, has caused me to authorize the Assistant Treasurer at New York to redeem the earliest issues of said certificates to the extent of two millions of dollars. You will please therefore on the receipt of this paper and forward without delay to the said Assistant Treasurer, a list of those certificates in regular numerical order, which would be entitled by the rules of the mint to the earliest redemption, to the amount in the aggregate as near as may be, to the above sum of two millions of dollars, with full particulars for his information of the date number amount name &c of each certificate. You will also for the government of the holders, cause the numbers of such certificates to be made public, and that they will be paid on presentation to the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

After you have ascertained the numbers which will be included in this list, you will continue the

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redemption, as rapidly as your new coinage will admit of,
the certificates bearing the next succeeding numbers in
their due order

Under the reduction which will thus be made
in the indebtedness of the Mint, and with the aid of
the large bullion fund, the Department confidently
hopes, that with suitable exertions on the part of the
officers of the establishment, all outstanding certificates
can be redeemed at any early day, and the depositors
be subsequently paid as rapidly as the bullion can
be assayed and its value ascertained.

To accomplish so desirable a result, and
to avoid if possible all future inconvenience to the
community on the subject, it will be necessary that
you should continue to push the operations of the
Mint with all possible vigor

Very respectfully

Yours Obt Servt

W. B. B. B.

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

11/2/11

London 10/11/11

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in reply I have the honor to state that the Department duly noted the statement in your previous letter. The understanding of the point was not sufficient to justify a deposition, and understanding that this was necessary of the understanding to the Minister to the effect of the British fund of \$1,000,000 it was unable to reconcile this with the information it already possessed on the subject as it had no previous idea that an enormous sum amount to eleven millions of unsecured gold was on hand, and that this was to account for the various complaints which were presented to it on the subject of the great inconvenience under which the community was laboring in consequence of the heavy amount of outstanding certificates and asking for relief by authorizing the Assistant Treasurer of the United States to redeem a portion of them. Under the facts of the case the Department has not hesitated to afford the relief required to the extent of the millions as you will learn from the instructions to your Sir. This present note

Yours truly
James Wilson

Department a full statement of the operations of
the Mint since the 1st January last showing the whole
amount of uncoined bullion on hand at that day - the
different deposits since, with the date and amount of each
the amount of outstanding certificates at that time, the amount
since issued, and the amount redeemed, and the whole
amount of uncoined bullion now on hand for which certificates
have been issued including that belonging to the United
States - as also the amount as near as it can be estimated
of the uncoined bullion for which certificates have not
been issued. In the statement will also be included the
whole amount of coinage since the above date, and
you will please also state the present average daily
coinage,

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Thos. Corwin
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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January 1

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News announcement of the
Geo. F. Bellenger to be a clerk in the House
at Philadelphia has been deferred to the
President of the United States.

I am very Resp.

Thomson

Sec. of the Treasury

P. A. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.

11 4 67 1
Treasury Department
February 10th 1861

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th and in-
deed have the honor to state, that the Department considers
it most advisable to carry out the plan for redeeming
two millions of the outstanding Mint certificates agreeably
to the instructions of yesterday. On the plan you suggest
it would be adding thus much to the bullion fund, which
the Department is unwilling, and indeed does not feel
itself authorized to do, and therefore considers it a more
eligible and proper course to have the certificates redeemed
by the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and to be retained
there as evidences of so much specie in the sub-Treasury,
but held by the Mint in Philadelphia, and so soon
as circumstances will admit, these certificates will be
paid by the Mint from its new coinage and the amount
restored in actual coin to the Assistant Treasurer at
New York in the same manner as if they were held by
individuals.

As a matter of additional precaution you will
please send to New York one of the Clerks of the Mint who
is fully qualified for the duty in order to identify the
certificates as they may be presented for payment.

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint,
Phila

Very respectfully
Thos Gwynne
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
15th February 1851

On further reflection the Department has concluded to
adopt your suggestion as to the mode of paying off in
New York two millions of outstanding mint certificates
from the public money now in the hands of the Assistant
Treasurer at that place, and by the present mail a
warrant in his favor is forwarded to the Treasurer of
the Mint for the above amount with instructions to
make the needed arrangements as promptly as possible
carrying into effect the wishes of the Department

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Thos. Corwin

Secretary of the Treasury

P. M. Paterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Treasury Department
15th February 1851

Sir

By the present mail you will receive from the Treasurer of the United States a Warrant for two millions of dollars on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, which is to be added temporarily to the bullion fund of the Mint, and to be applied by you forthwith to the redemption in New York of the outstanding mint certificates of the oldest issue and due numerical order.

You will please make prompt arrangements for carrying the wishes of the Department on this subject into effect with the least possible delay, and give public notice of the numbers of the certificates which will be embraced in the list, to be redeemed from the above fund.

It will be advisable that these payments as far as practicable should be made under your own personal inspection, and the Assistant Treasurer at New York will be instructed to afford you all the facilities in his power for that purpose. The certificates when redeemed you will of course cancel and return in the usual mode.

E. Dale Esq
Treas. Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Robertson
Secretary of the Treasury

487 / 487,

Dear Sir,

St. Louis, Mo.

The Department has

decided to add the two millions

of dollars, and to

arrange for the amount of one

million, and you by the way

have been the recipient of

several commissions the Department

anticipates no new work in the

Department.

Yours truly,

Dear Sir,

Philadelphia

Chas. H. Smith

Chas. H. Smith

Chas. H. Smith

Chas. H. Smith

Chas. H. Smith

Chas. H. Smith

Treasury Department
25th February 1857

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Messrs Chubb Schenck & Co of this City have undertaken to transfer from Boston one hundred thousand dollars to be placed with the Treasurer of the United States in this City, of which sum the Treasurer wishes from \$250,000 in quarter eagles and gold dollars for the convenience of the members of Congress at the close of the session. You will please therefore furnish that amount in those coins to Messrs Chubb Schenck & Co or to their agent in exchange for an equal amount in larger gold coin of the United States. The call will not be made upon you until towards the close of the month.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt
Wm. W. Wood
Asst Secretary of the Treasury

E. C. Dale Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

90,
Treasury Department
March 1. 1857.

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I return herewith the Bond of Geo. B. Decker. Before it can be approved by the Department it is necessary that the sureties justify before the U.S. District Judge and that he certify as to their sufficiency.

I submit, also, for your perusal a communication received from Messrs. Scheller and Rombauer of St. Louis, and will thank you to state whether, in your opinion, a compliance with their request would interfere with the rights of former applicants, or cause delay in taking the benefit of any favorable result from the experiments now being made at the Mint.

I am very Resp^t

Thos. Corwin
Sec. Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philad^a

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Treasury Department
March 14th 1851

In reply to your letter of the 25th Dec^r requesting a sum
of \$2,000, I have this day directed a remittance to be made to you on
account as follows,

Salaries of Officers
at the U.S. District
at Charlotte, N.C.

\$ 1,400

A statement of your account received from the 1st Auditor of the Treasury
shows on the 31st Decemb^r. 1850 a balance of \$4,472.21 as due
to the U.S. The difference in the amount which you have asked for &
which the public Service may require for expenditure, to wit, \$1,500, you can
therefore, pay, from the funds now appearing in your hands.

Very Respectfully, Sir,
Samuel Hays Sec^y

Robt. C. Brown
Secretary of the Treasury

James W. Osborne Esq.
Inspector Gen^l of the U.S. Dist.
at Charlotte N.C.

11/19/11

Treasury Department
7th March 1881

Sir

Mr Hon W Babbitt the
Delegate from the Territory of Utah
has taken charge of certain bonds
for the use of the Territory & has
a Treasury Draft on our Govt for
which you will please pay to
him in gold dollars

Very respectfully

Wm H. Hunt

Wm H. Hunt

Wm H. Hunt

E. C. Babbitt

Enclosed are the bonds

for the Territory

11/14/51
Treasury Department

11 March 1851

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th respecting the coinage of the three cent pieces agreeably to the late act of Congress, and in reply have the honor to state that the Department regards favorably your suggestions on the subject, and will after further consideration respecting it, prepare the needful instructions for your government, and in the mean time you will please progress as rapidly as possible with all the needful preparatory arrangements for making a prompt and large issue of the coin. It is also the intention of the Department that the Branch Mint at New Orleans should issue this coin and you will please therefore have dies &c prepared for the use of said Mint if it has not already been done

Very respectfully

Yours obediently

W. M. Wood

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

11921
Treasury Department
March 18. 1857

Sir,
From the letter and examination of
the accompanying papers transmitted by you,
relative to the removal of W. White, late a Watch
man in the Branch Mint over which you
preside, the Department deems any further
action in the case unnecessary.

Very respectfully
Reminded
W. B. Coge
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Waapin Esq
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans.

1492
Navy Department
21 March 1881

Sir

Mr. J. A. Pitt, Delaware
Dunlevy are the agents for
transmitting to the Department
under from New York for the
use of the Navy and all other
the Navy Department have
queried that the same shall
be furnished with a proportion
of the smaller gold coin for the
purpose of paying the work-
men & others connected with the
work - you will please therefore
arrange the above gentlemen with
you in equal proportions of
half Eagles, quarter eagles & gold
pieces in exchange for a number
of larger denomination

Very respectfully

Chas. D. Smith

W. L. Hoag

ad. J. A. Pitt

Chas. D. Smith

Secretary of the Navy
Philadelphia

1731
Treasury Department
26 March 1851

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd
specimens of the new 3 cent coin of the old
and new dies which have been submitted to the
ident who has approved of the latter, and you
will issue them accordingly.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

W. L. G.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

P. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

10 4931
Treasury Department
26 March 1861

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the coinage of the new three cent piece and in reply have the honor to state that the Department is variously occupied and especially in the view of relieving to some degree the inconvenience at present felt by the community from the scarcity of small change is desirous to issue an early and as far as practicable consistent with other duties of the mint, a large issue of these new coins, to both of which objects your attention and exertions will be particularly directed.

The Department is pleased to find by your letter that the mint at present has no want of silver for the bullion fund which is not required for the coinage of gold, and can be applied to the coinage of silver, and which accordingly you are authorized to do. As regards a further supply of silver in view of the present scarcity and the premium which it bears it is not probable that any considerable amount will be deposited for coinage, and it will therefore be necessary to obtain a supply of it, and which it is to be presumed can only be done by purchasing it at a premium. The Department has given due consideration

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your suggestion of purchasing for the purpose the
new Spanish coin of small denomination with the
object of taking them out of circulation, and that as
new coins now circulate at their full nominal value
it would be necessary to offer a premium of at least
five per cent upon their actual weight in order to obtain
them. However desirable it would be to banish these
small foreign silver and even coins from circulation
the Department must decline for the present to authorize
the purchase of them at so high a rate of premium.
Further that until further considered on this subject
you should purchase for the purpose foreign silver coins
of full weight which it is understood can be obtained
at from 2 to 2½ % and which you are hereby authorized
to do. The Department is induced to adopt this plan
at least for the present, under a belief that a full supply
of the new coinage will probably have the desired
effect of banishing the small Spanish coin, particularly
the 1/2 and the 1/4 of dollars from circulation, especially
from the present indications of a fall in the premium
on silver, a more liberal supply should be brought
forward for circulation of American coins of smaller
denomination than the half dollar, of which there
must be a very large amount in the country, but
which are at present held back from circulation, or
hoarded in consequence of the premium they bear.
I am, Sir, the obedient servant of the Department

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the deposit of the sum of \$1000.00 in the name of the United States, for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds of the United States, and to inform you that the same has been deposited in the name of the United States, and the interest thereon will be paid to the United States, as directed by the act of Congress, in relation to the same.

the cost of the silver purchased including the
premium paid, and the expenses of distributing the
coin in distant cities so far as it may be found
advisable and necessary to do so, and to the credit
of the account he will place the amount he receives
for the new coin which will be issued, by ~~the~~
and charged to him accordingly. Future instructions
will be given as regards the application of the balance
which will remain to the credit of this account
arising from the profit on the recoinage.

With these remarks I now condense the
instructions of the Department as regards the coinage
of the new three cent pieces as following:

1. You are authorized to employ \$100,000 of silver
belonging to the bullion fund for the purpose of being
recoined into three cent pieces.

2. The Treasurer of the Mint under the instructions
of the Director is authorized from time to time
as it may be required, and in such sums as
he may think necessary to purchase bullion or
foreign silver coin on the most favorable terms at
which it can be procured, ~~and~~ buying those of
the fullest weight, and to recoin them into the
said new coin of three cents each.

The Treasurer is authorized to exchange the new coin for other silver coin of the United States with a discretion to refuse to sell less than \$30 or more than \$50 to a single applicant, and also to receive under a similar discretion silver bullion at its legal value by weight for recoinage into three cent pieces, the latter payable to the depositor by note at their legal value, but such deposits must be limited to an amount which can be returned in the new coin within a reasonable time by the application of one half of the amount which can be coined by the Mint leaving the other half at the discretion of the Department for the convenience or use of the public officers of the Government in its different Departments, and to supply the small demands of the community in exchange for silver coin or bullion.

The money received for such new coins including the \$100,000 of silver already authorized to be used from the bullion fund, shall be a special fund in the hands of the Treasurer to be used in the purchase of bullion for coinage, and for defraying any expenses which may be incurred in distributing said coins in other cities of the Union and the surplus of said fund.

arising from the profit of said coinage shall
be subject to future disposition by this
Department.

The issue of the new coin at the discretion
of the Director may be suspended, until an
amount is accumulated of not less than \$15000.

It is the wish of the Department that
the Branch Mint at New Orleans should also
commence the coinage of the three cent pieces
with as little delay as possible, and that the needed
instructions and dies should be forwarded
for that purpose.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. C. C.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Robert M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Treasury Department

June 24 1861

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. and
reply have the honor to state that you are authorized to
receive American gold coin in exchange for the new three
cent coin under the restrictions as to the issue of the latter
the letter from this Department of 26th. The instructions
you to confine for the present your purchases of silver
bullion for the purpose of coining the three cent piece, to
a foreign coin of full weight, were given under the
impression that the premium on such coin would be
paid upon ^{its} nominal value by tale; but as you propose to
purchase by weight, you of course can do so of any silver
foreign coin which can be procured, with the
understanding however, that such purchases of worn
and light coin are not to be made at a rate of
premium which will make the bullion cost more
per ounce than what full weight coin purchased and
received by tale would cost.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

Charles G. Smith

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Ballou & Co.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

971
Treasury Department
April 1862

Sir

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th inst. in relation to additional clerical force in the office of the Treasurer of the Mint, and I have the honor to state in reply, that in applications of the kind the Department in order that it may act advisedly, always wishes to be informed as to the amount of salary it is proposed to pay ~~to the additional~~ ~~and~~ which you will please do on the present occasion.

Under the circumstances of the case the Department has instructed the accounting Officers to allow the suspended item of \$100 for clerical services, to which it assumes you allude in your letter, but having found the necessity of establishing as a general rule to disallow all unusual or extra expenditures on the part of its numerous officers unless it has been previously applied for and authorized, you will please hereafter in all cases obtain the sanction of the Department before such expenditures are incurred. When in your above letter you ask for the allowance of such bills as have or may be rendered for clerical services, is the Department to understand that there are any more claims to be presented for services of that kind which have been

incurred without the authority of the Department and if such is the fact will you please advise of the details and amount with such needful explanations respecting them.

The Department will be pleased to learn when is the earliest day on which you can commence operations in coining the three cent pieces and the probable amount that you can furnish monthly without interfering materially with the other coins of the Mint.

The Department mentions for your government that it will probably require in all next month the return from the bullion funds of the last two millions added to it.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. B. C.

Wm. A. B. C.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

Treasury Department
April 10th 1851

Sir -

At the suggestion of the Hon. P. S.
-son Esq, the Director of the Mint the President
has authorized the appointment of an addition-
-al permanent Clerk for the Treasurer of the
Mint in Philadelphia; and you are accordingly
authorized to nominate a person for that
situation, to be approved by the Department,
at a salary not exceeding two or three hundred
dollars per annum.

Very Respectfully

E. C. Dale Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint.

Philadelphia -

Wm. H. Hunt.

Wm. H. Hunt.

Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

961
Treasury Department

April 11, 1861

Sir —
I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst. and in reply have the honor to state that the President has authorized the appointment of another Clerk in the Office of the Treasurer of the Mint — He is accordingly authorized to nominate said Clerk for the approval of this Department at a Salary of Twelve hundred dollars —

As regards the proposed increase of six hundred dollars to the Salary of the Clerk of the Assistant Treasurer, in connection with the distribution of the new three cent coin, I would observe that this distribution will be made, at three points principally, if not altogether, through the Assistant Treasurers, to whom they will be forwarded in considerable amounts at a time; and in Philadelphia they will, in like manner, be supplied, for purposes of change, to the Post Office, the Purser of the Navy Yard, and, on demand, to the Banks, in exchange for their coin — through all of which channels it will rapidly pass into circulation —

Under these circumstances, and as another permanent Clerk has now been allowed to the Treasurer, the Department declines authorizing the increased salary to the Clerk of the Assistant Treasurer.

As you, at present, are so far ahead

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in coins belonging to the Bullion fund, the Department would be pleased to see your suggestions carried into effect as to a more extended coinage of gold coins of less denomination than the eagle, and even of the latter coin than what, from the heavy accumulation of gold Bullion you recently have been unable to do; and in order that you may the better be enabled to do so, the Department will postpone as long as practicable calling for a return of the Two Millions from the Bullion fund, and when they do require it, will only call upon you, in weekly instalments, to an amount which you can readily comply with —

You will also push your arrangements as promptly as possible for an extended coinage of the three cent piece as you can issue, without materially or injuriously interfering with your other operations —

You will also bear in mind that the Department wishes the Branch Mint in New Orleans to commence the coinage of these new pieces at as early a day as practicable, and that you will please make your arrangements accordingly —

For the information and government of the Department you will, in future, furnish it with a weekly condensed Statement of the operations of the Mint in Philadelphia, exhibiting the amount of coinage in each description of Coin, the amount of assayed Bullion, and an estimate of the unassayed Bullion on hand, the amount of outstanding certificates of Deposit, the receipts of Bullion, and the payments in

— taken, from the nature of the case any of the
cannot be furnished with certainty, an approxi-
estimate must, of course, be substituted —

The Department is, as yet without any
official statement of the operations of the Mint for the
month —

Very Respectfully
Obedient Servt.
Wm L Dodge
Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

Philadelphia
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia —

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Treasury Department
April 11th 1857

Sir - I am in receipt of your letter of 9th Inst. with copy of proposals from Adams & Co. for exchanging such portions of the new three cent coinage as may be required to be placed at any of the places indicated therein - and in reply I have the honor to state that the Department does not contemplate making such an extensive distribution of that coin; and also that many of the places enumerated can, with much greater facility be supplied from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans -

Without therefore entering into any positive contract with Adams & Co., their proposals can be placed on file with the understanding that those are the rates at which they will make the transfer to those points respectively, should you call upon them to do so -

The scarcity of small silver change is most seriously felt in the large commercial cities to which places the earliest attention should be directed in furnishing a supply of the new coin, and until these points are to some degree supplied, if not satisfied, it will probably be more advisable to neglect the more distant places, particularly, as at the latter the supply of the usual quantity of small silver circula -

tion has not been materially affected -

By reference to the letter from the Department of the 26th ult^o you will perceive that the Department did not state that only one half of any deposits of Silver by Banks or individuals could be returned in the new coin, but only that such Deposits should not be received to an extent which could not be returned within a reasonable time in the new coin from one half of the whole the Mint could coin, as the Department wished one half of the entire coinage reserved for the supply of Post Offices, Navy Yard, &c. -

It will of course be for the advantage of the Mint that individuals or Banks should deposit silver to be paid in the new coin, and thus save to the Mint the loss in the weight as well as the premium which might be required to purchase it - But the Department wishes for the present that one half of all the coinage of these new pieces should be made for its account, and held subject to its orders and that no deposits for coinage should be received, or sales made, to an extent which will interfere with the above.

So soon as you report a coinage of these pieces to the extent of ten or fifteen thousand dollars the Department will instruct you as to the first points to be supplied with them

Very Respectfully
R. B. Patterson Esq

June 10th. 1864.

W. L. Briggs
acting Secretary
of the Treasury -

1121
Treasury Department
April 14. 1851

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Yours letter of the 12th instant
nominating Robert D. Manning to be a clerk
in the Treasury of the Mint was duly
received and the nomination is hereby
conferred.

I am very Resp^t.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Acting Sec. Treasury

C. Dale Esq.
Quartermaster of the Mint

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502,
Treasury Department
April 18th 1867

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 16th & 17th, the latter with the enclosure referred to in the former, and in reply I have the honor to state that the Department does not contemplate to give any instructions for transfers of the 3 cent coin except to the public depositories, and as far as you report that a sufficient quantity are on hand to commence issuing them you will be advised of the places where the Department wishes to be circulated and the amount for each. The ~~particular~~ distribution of this coin, as private demands from others place you will make according to your own discretion, and such sums as you can supply, with a due regard to the ability of the mint to furnish, and to its position to all ~~other~~ ^{such} making requisitions. These private transfers of course will be made only after payment of the amount, when you will transmit the coin by Adams & Co Express, as you will also such amount as may be ordered to the public depositories.

The Department will furnish ~~free~~ ^{free} any drafts for the amount you may send of the 3 cent coin to the public depositories though if you see no objection to the plan and it can be done without inconvenience it would

Treasury Department
April 22nd 1851

Sir

Mr J. L. Chubb has informed me to transfer to the Treasury of the United States in this City one hundred thousand dollars, and the latter is desirous of receiving a portion of it in the smaller gold coins, and as far as you can conveniently do so you will please furnish to Messrs Chubb, Schenck & Co, in exchange for larger American coins such an amount of the smaller coin as they may require, and have it securely packed as Mr Chubb may desire for transportation to this place.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. A. R. Smith

Wm. A. R. Smith

Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

E. C. Dale Esq

Asst. Treasurer

Revenue Department
April 11. 51

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst.
has been received and your nominations of
S. S. Wickes to be chief clerk, C. Brandt, assistant do
and E. Pratz, weigher in the Branch Office at
New Orleans and of J. W. Shaver to be clerk
to the Assistant Treasurer are approved by
the Department.

I beg to refer you to the
3^d Section of the Act of March 3. 1850 "relating
Branches of the Mint of the United States" which provides
that, before entering on their duties the officers and
clerks to be appointed shall take an oath or
affirmation before a Judge of the United States (by Act of
April 1844 may be taken before any court of record in the State
in which the office or clerk is situated) faithfully and
diligently to perform the duties of their office and shall
give a bond to the Assistant with one or more
sureties.

to the satisfaction of the Director of the Mint
and the Secretary of the Treasury for the
faithful and diligent performance of the duties
of their office. The annual amount of the Bond is \$5000

You will see therefore that
an appointment of the Gentlemen nominated by
us cannot take effect until the provisions of
a Law are complied with.

I am - very Resp^l &

Yours

U. S. Sec. Treasury.

15-031
Treasury Department
April 19. 1857.

Sir

Aggrav letter of the 18th inst
has been received, and in compliance with
the request contained therein the Treasurer of the
Mint is hereby authorized to employ temporarily
an additional Clerk.

Be pleased to state
what rate of compensation is proposed and
what period of time his services will probably
be required.

I am very Resptl

W. M. Gage
Act. Sec. Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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General Department
April 18 1831

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed and to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Salaries of Officers	4,325
Wages of Sailors	8,000
Expenses of the Service	2,000

According to the accounts to the date of the 31st Dec 1830, the sum of £14,325 is due to the
Government for the service of the 1st Dec 1830, which appears upon the account of the
Government for the service of the 1st Dec 1830, and is not included in the sum of £14,325
of that date.

The above amount is due to the Government for the service of the 1st Dec 1830, and is not
included in the sum of £14,325 of that date, as the same is due to the Government for the
service of the 1st Dec 1830, and is not included in the sum of £14,325 of that date, as the
same is due to the Government for the service of the 1st Dec 1830, and is not included in the
sum of £14,325 of that date.

Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

J. M. Smith
Secretary to the Admiralty

W. H. P. Gage
Secretary to the Admiralty

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Treasury Department
April 2nd 1851

Sir -

In anticipation of the early
issue of the new three cent coin you will please
forward the following amounts by Adams & Co's
express, under the arrangement you have made
with that house - viz -

- To E. Haven, the Assistant Treasurer at
Boston ————— \$ 10,000
- To John Young, Asst Treasurer at
New York ————— 10,000
- To G. H. Kane Collector & designated
depository at Baltimore ————— 6,000
- To the Treasurer of the U. States at
Washington ————— 5,000
- To W. M. Barnett Collector & designated
depository at Norfolk ————— 5,000
- To W. M. Martin designated depository
at Charleston S. Carolina ————— 3,000
- To Niram Roberts Collector & designated
depository at Savannah ————— 2,000
- To Henry Woods, designated depository
at Petersburg ————— 3,000
- To Wm. R. Bond designated depository
at Cincinnati ————— 5,000

To Dr. Ketchum designated depository
at Buffalo

The above amount you will furnish from one
half of the entire Coinage which, by previous instruc-
tions you were requested to hold subject to the
orders of this Department. — \$5000.

It is, of course, not expected that
you will be prepared to furnish the whole of the
above amount immediately, but only that you will
as soon as you are prepared to issue the Coin, forward the
in suitable proportions to those places, semi-monthly,
or tri-monthly, to the extent which you may be able
to supply them, until the whole amount has been sent
forward. — The Department will instruct the above
depositories as to the mode of distribution. —

From the other half of the Coinage
you will, after furnishing a reasonable amount to
the Post Office and Purser of the Navy, and at Philadel-
phia, as well as to the Banks and individuals, you
will supply the calls made upon you from distant
points. — And should these claims be for a larger
amount than you can promptly, or conveniently, sup-
ply, you will exercise your own discretion as to the
places which shall have a priority, keeping in view
the business wants of the localities respectively,
and the convenience of the greater number of citizens,
avoiding sending any supply to those towns to which are
more conveniently supplied by the Branch Mint

at New Orleans -

He pleased to advise the Depart-
ment what progress has been made towards fur-
nishing the United States with
the needed coin for this year being, and when it
may be expected that Mint can commence the
coinage of them, and the probable amount which
it can furnish monthly -

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt

~~Wm Patterson~~

Acting Chief Clerk
of the Treasury

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

Treasury Department
April 22^o 1851

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th relative to distribution of the new 5 cent coin, and in reply have the honor to state that it is the intention of the Department that the public stores to whom the coin may be forwarded shall be the means of furnishing the supply for general circulation at points of their respective localities, and they will be instructed accordingly to furnish it to banks and individuals in portions, after receiving a reasonable amount for the use of Post Offices and disbursing Offices of the Government. If you think it advisable and find it more convenient can forward supplies of the coin to the public depositories at other points than those indicated in my letter yesterday with instructions to supply them to individuals or banks, and to diffuse it in small lots so as to insure its speedy circulation. If from that moiety of the coinage which is at your control for distribution found there is a surplus remaining after supplying the demands, you can apply it to furnishing promptly to the depositories specified in my letter of yesterday the sums respectively ordered to them.

The parties who are at present engaged in transferring funds from the Department to this City and to Norfolk will be instructed to pay to the cashier of the Bank the amount of the

which you were requested to transmit
in two places

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. B. C.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
April 26th 1851.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd relative to the error committed in paying Mint tickets \$8000 and state in reply that the Department is of opinion that both a criminal and a process should be instituted against Clapp if he continues to refuse to account for the surplus paid in error. You will please consult with the District Attorney of the United States on the subject and take such legal steps as he may think advisable. It is presumed that the testimony of Gould might be used for the conviction of Clapp.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. servt.

Wm. H. Wood

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

C. Dale Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
May 5th 1857

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 26th ult. suggesting the pro-
prietty of reducing the charge of five cents per
ounce for separating the gold and silver when
these metals exist together in the Bullion,
and in reply I have the honor to state that the
Department at present declines making any
change in that respect.

Very Respectfully

Your obed^t. Servt.

W. H. C. G.
Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

To
W. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Recd 7/8
Treasury Department,
May 3^d 1851

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2^d inst: relative to the distribution of the new three cent coins to the Depositories designated in the letter of the Department of 21st Ult: and in reply I have the honor to state that the Department has already authorized you to transmit, by Adams & Co's Express, the amounts designated in its above letter to the Depositories respectively and accedes to your suggestion that the receipts of Adams & Co. shall be held as the Treasurer's Vouchers until they are substituted by the receipts of the Assistant Treasurers or Public Depositories after the coin is delivered to them, which you will request shall be forwarded by them respectively and the aggregate amounts of such replies can hereafter be covered, as you suggest, by a Treasury Draft upon the Assistant Treasurer unless the Department should adopt some other mode for replacing the amount in Philadelphia.

As regard the two sums which have been paid for the amount of the new coin directed to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the

The U. States in this City, and to the public
depository at Norfolk, the Treasurer of the Mint
will retain the same, and refund the Coinage ac-
count until the whole supply has been sent
forward to those two points —

Very Respectfully

Samuel B. Low

Acting Secretary

of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq

Secretary of the Mint

(Philadelphia)


281
Treasury Department
May 6. 1851

Sir

I have received your letter of the
inst. enclosing a bill for repairing damage supposed
have been caused to the roof of the Presbyterian Church
of the frames from the Refinery of the Mint.

Altho a question might arise as to the liability of
the Government to make the repairs, under all the
circumstances, you are nevertheless authorized to cause
the bill to be paid.

I am very Resptl


Acting Sec. - Treasury.

R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

16.
Treasury Department
May 21. 1851.

Sir

Referring to a letter addressed to
you this day this Morn. I enclose \$60. of
N. York. I have to request that after the exchange
of coins shall have been effected, you will be
pleased to state to the Department what denominations
of coins are furnished to you: D. S. Bank by \$6.
I am very Sir, Yrs.

Thos. Corwin

Secy. of the Treasury.

D. M. & C. Dale
Treasury Dept.

Treasury Department
May 21. 1867.

Sir /

Mr. J. D. Dimesbury & Co.
are undertaken to transfer an amount of
Gold Money from the Assistant Treasurer at
New York to the Depository at New Orleans.

It is desirable, for the convenience of the
disbursing Agents at that point that a portion of
the amount so transferred should be in small
coins: And as they cannot be conveniently procured
at N. York, I will thank you, if it can be done to
procure Mr. J. D. Dimesbury & Co. with their order in
five thousand dollars in Gold coins of a small
denomination in exchange for larger ones.
I am very respectfully,
Yours,

C. B. Dabney
Assistant of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Robt. G. Thompson
Sec. of the Treasury.

Treasury Department.
June 19. 1851.

Sir

I have received your letter dated yesterday submitting the application of Mr. Robert D. Dunning for payment for clerical services rendered by him in the mint.

The President of the U.S. having authorized, on the 12th Dec. 1849, the employment of an additional Clerk at a salary of \$1200 and the duties to be devolved on this Clerk having been performed by a gentleman temporarily employed, from the 24 Dec. 1849 to the 12 Feb. 1850 it appears but reasonable that he should be compensated for those services.

You are accordingly authorized to settle Mr. Dunning's account.

I am very Resp^l.

W. M. G. C.

J. B. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint acting Sec. Treasury.
Philad^a

Treasury Department
June 20. 1857.

Sir

The designated depository at Norfolk
P. Garnett - States, in a letter received this morning,
at the demand there for the 3 cent pieces has
an very inconsiderable and is daily diminishing.
acknowledges the receipt of the advice of another
mittance (\$870) and requests that the balance
his credit in the mint may be paid in other
in. You will be pleased, therefore, to cause the
transmission of 3 cent pieces to that depository to be
continued.

I am very Resp^t

Wm. Wallace

Acting Sec Treasury

R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
June 21. 1850

Sir

Referring to your letter to the Department dated the
11th. and which had escaped attention, I have to request that
you will give the necessary instructions to the Superintendent of
the Branch Mint at N. Orleans to proceed with the coinage of
3 cent pieces, without discontinuing entirely, or materially inter-
fering with, the coinage of other small pieces of gold and silver.
Where \$100,000 of silver in his bullion fund to be used for that purpose.
Being somewhat at a loss in what manner to direct the distribution
of the amount from N. Orleans the Department will thank you to
ascertain and report the views of the Superintendent on that point.
Be pleased to state what balance remains in the Mint of
the amount deposited for 3 cent pieces to be sent to Norfolk.
I am very Respectfully.

W. A. B. G.
Acting Sec. Treasury.

M. M. Patterson
Chief Clerk of the Mint
Philad.

Treasury Department
March 24. 1861.

In compliance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 21st instant, the Treasurer of the Mint is authorized to employ a temporary clerk, from time to time, as may be found necessary. The whole expenditure for that object not to exceed three hundred dollars per annum.

I am very Resp^l.

Wm. Wallace
Acting Sec. Treasury

Wm. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
June 28. 1857.

Sir

It appears by the statement from
the Treasurer of the Mint transmitted, in your
letter of the 27th inst. that \$1620 in 3 cent coins
had been transmitted to Henry Woods depository at
Petersburg. They are, also, received for by Adams
to be delivered at Petersburg.

Be pleased to state whether there has been any
mistake in this matter or whether the coins
now, as is presumed to be the fact, transmitted to
Pittsburg where Henry Woods is the Depository.
I am very Resp^t.

Wm. A. R.
Acting Sec. Treasury.

J. W. M. Palmer
Director of the Mint
Michigan.

Treasury Department
Jan 2-1841.

Sir

Mr. M. After the deep interest
the Branch Bank at N. Orleans is desirous
more or less in the North or the South of
your report. Be pleased to say whether, in
your opinion, any inconvenience or delay in the
execution of that Branch will be caused by the
absence of that Gentleman from N. Orleans
— I am very respectfully

W. C. Clegg
Acting Sec. Treasury

J. W. Eckert.

Director of the Mint

Philad^a.

Treasury Department
July 5. 1851.

Sir.

I have received your letter of
the 3rd. and you will be pleased to grant the
superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans the
leave of absence asked for. that is for August & September

A similar request
has been received from the Superintendent of
the Branch Mint at Charlotte which may also be
anted provided you see no objection to it.

I am very Respectfully &c

W. Wood

Acting Sec. Treasury.

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G. W. Leach.
Superintendent of the Mint
Philad^a

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I D. July 09 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 7th has
been received. It has been the practice for
several years to discontinue the operations of
the Branch Mint at Charlotte during the
months of August & September. And, provided
no inconvenience will, in your opinion be caused
by such discontinuance, you will be pleased to give
the necessary authority to suspend the operations as
requested by the Superintendent.

I am
D^y S^t Lodge
Act Sec^y Treas^r

J. N. Eckert -
Director Mint
Phila

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Treasury Department
July 12. 1857.

Sir

The Post Master at Day
has applied thro the Post Master General for
a supply of 3 cent pieces for the use of that
Post Office -

You will be pleased to transmit
to that office such an amount in 3 cent pieces
as you can conveniently, or to deposit with
you of the necessary sum in other coins.

You are also requested to supply the
Post Masters in the same way, who may
make the necessary deposits and who are
any where on the line of Adams Express -

I am very Respectfully

Wm. Wells

Acting Sec. Treasury

P. M. Eckert
Director Mint

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Treasury Department
July 19. 1851.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated yesterday.

The Post Master General has been advised that it is required that the Post Masters applying for three cent pieces, make their deposits at the Mint free of any expense to the Government or if any expense be incurred the amount will be deducted when the 3 cent coins are transmitted.

The coins will be sent to the parties at the risk and expense of the Government.

You will be pleased to distribute the balance of the amount of the 3 cent pieces intended for the Depositary at Norfolk between the Assistant Treasurer at N. York and the Depositary at Buffalo, in addition to the amounts heretofore assigned to them.

I am very Resp^l

W. D. M. C.
Acting Sec. Treasury

E. C. W. Eckert.
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
July 21st 1861

A letter of forwarding's under date of the 11th inst. received at this Department on the 19th inst. from R. M. de. Spain Esq. Superintendent of the U.S. Br. Mint at New Orleans contains the following:

"I have further to request that you will remit from the Inc. & Conty. fund \$6000. the thousand Dollars to the Director of the Mint Philadelphia, to pay for Seals & purchases for the use of this Mint."

This extract from Mr. de Spain's letter will explain the object of a remittance of the sum of \$6000, which, I have this day directed to be made to you. As this amount will be charged upon the B. notes of the Treasury to Com. De Bays Esq. Treasurer of the said U.S. Br. Mint - the care should be observed, in the accuracy of the Voucher, taken for it, its expenditure, that the accountable to require of Mr. De Bays, may be fairly & fully discharged.

The above amount, to wit. \$6000. will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer of the U.S. as soon as the current passes the usual forms of receipt.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. A. R. V. C. V. C.

W. L. Schaefer

Secy. of the Treasury

E. A. Eckert

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

19 July

of the two millions of dollars
but some months since was here
transferred to the Indian fund & the
set as a temporary addition
to the operations of the
at under a heavy accumulation
of a million one million has been taken
of the probable wants of the hearing
& probably require the return of
a remaining million in a short
time - but you please advise the
Department what where our money
is for the return of that sum
to the ocean as little more
income as possible to the operations
of the month

The department would also
be your opinion as to new of
probable situation of persons in
hearing it may be a matter
convenience of not of necessity to
be a further reduction of the
fund of the department be pleased

What are your opinions whether under
present circumstances the public purchase
business of the government its operations
could be conducted with a billion
hands of four millions without
much encumbrance or delay to
the depositors

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Treasury Department
July 22. 1852,

Sir;

I acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 21st and in reply have the
honor to state that the Department will proba-
bly not have occasion to call for the return of
the \$1,000,000 from the Belgian Loan, previous
to the 1st of September, if then ^{timely} and con-
sistently given the ^{timely} notice - and if
the amount is required, will withdraw it by
instalments -

Very Respectfully
Yours obed^t Serv^t
W. L. Gage
Acting Secretary
of the Treasury

G. W. Eckert Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
July 20. 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 8th Inst. is received with its enclosures, being an account in your own favor against the Branch Mint for \$666.67, and one in favor of M E Kennedy Esq: for \$150, both purporting to be for compensation for services after your successor had entered on his official duties, in bringing up the news of the Books of the Office, and preparing your accounts for adjustment -

There are various reasons why the claim presented by you for bringing up your own Books, as Assistant Treasurer, cannot be admitted and amongst them is the one that the Department considers the Books and the current business of your Office should always have been kept up, particularly with the ample clerical force at your command, and it is surprised to learn that they ever were so much in arrears, as they appear to have been by your statement - If however they had thus been allowed to fall behind, it became a duty on your part, not to the Government, but also to yourself, that your Books & Papers should be brought into proper order for transmission to your Successor - These reasons are, in the opinion

of the Department, sufficient for disallowing
claim, but, in addition thereto, I will add that
there is no fund, out of which such a claim can
be paid - and there is besides in the act of the
26 Aug^t 1842, a positive prohibition against any per-
son in the regular employ of the Government, at a fixed
salary, receiving any other or extra compensation for
services of any kind -

Very Respectfully
Yours &c &c (S. J. Sewell)
Secretary of the
Treasury

Long
S. J. Wickes Esq
Late Treasurer of the Branch Mint
New Orleans -

Treasury Department.
Aug⁵ 1854

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 4th Inst; with the weekly
statement of the Mint - The Department
is not fully understood, from the statement,
present employment of the Bullion Fund,
I presume that the difference between the
on hand, by the statement, \$1,034,054, and the
amount of the Fund, is in assay'd, but uncoined
Bullion, the Certificates for which have been
issued - The Department would be pleased
if you would state if it ^{is} ~~is~~ as a guide to it,
to the probable amount it might withdraw
from the Bullion Fund, ~~and~~ should the exi-
gencies of the Treasury require a portion of it.

Will you also please state the
stable capabilities of the Mint in coining
old Bullion per month, with a due propor-
tion of the small coin - say quarter Eagles, and
half dollars, - and what disposable amount,

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Treasury Department
Aug. 7. 1851

Enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed by P. S. McCulloch Esq. to the President of the United States and referred to this Department.

You will be pleased to make the necessary investigation and inquiries into the charges made against the officers of the Mint and to report the result to the Department and to report also as to the expediency of allowing Mr. McC's method of refining gold to be tried at the Mint in his furnace.

I am very Resp^{ly}

Wm. A. R. C.

Acting Sec Treasury

E. W. Leach

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
August 12th 1851

You will please supply the Postmaster at
New Orleans, and other public Offices of the Treasury
as far as your convenience can be so, with
one cent pieces in exchange for any other
coin either of Silver or gold.

Very respectfully

Wm. C. C.

W. C. C.

Chief Clerk of the Treasury

W. W. C. E.

Superintendent

St. Louis

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Warren Department
Aug. 10. 1851

Mr. R. S. McCulloch has this day
informed of the transmission to you of
information and report of his commercial attaché
President of the A. S. L. Co. and requested
himself, prepared to give such expla-
nation and to afford such information as is
desired of your investigation, you may
hear from him.

I am very Resp^t

W. L. Bege
Acting Sec. Treasury

A. Eckert

of the Mint

Philad^a

Treasury Department
August 12. 1857.

Sir

Yours of the 1st inst. informing
the Department that a bill had been presented for
\$2500⁰⁰ - being the proportion due by the Branch
mint at N. Orleans for paving from Esplanade to
unacoe street, has been received.

To enable the Department to act understandingly
in the matter be pleased to state by what
authority the pavement referred to was laid -
and whether the Mint is in any way benefited
by having the pavement.

I am very Resp^{ly}

Wm. Hoge
Acting Sec. Treasury.

W. P. Howell

Per. Mint N. Orleans.

Treasury Department
August 16. 1857.

Sir
Your letter enclosing a Bill against
the Branch Mint at N. Orleans for expenses
incurred by you in travelling to and from
Philadelphia &c.

It does not appear from your
letter, when, or by what authority, the journey
was made. If under that of this Department,
be pleased to refer to it and a reasonable
compensation will be allowed.

I am very Resp^t.

C. Devall Esq
C. Corner Br. Mint
N. Orleans.

W. S. Hooge
Acting Sec. Treasury.

Treasury Department.
September 1st 1831

Application has been made to the department to authorize the payment of certain mint tickets issued in favor of McNulty & Co. which have been refused by you on the ground of informality in the power of attorney granted by McNulty & Co. which informality consists there being but one witness and the power signed by the firm instead of the individuals. The parties claiming the money propose to submit the original power of attorney as it exists with you & to give a bond with the Philadelphia Bank as security for the production of a new power within a limited & reasonable time from the parties composing the firm of McNulty & Co. and correcting the above informality. On these terms you are authorized to pay the certificates in question.

G. Dale Esq.

Casualty of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Thos. Corwin
Philadelphia. Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
September 4: 1857.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25: ult: has been received. You remark, in relation to your account for travelling expenses on a visit to Springfield, Mass., that it has hitherto been the invariable practice with your predecessors to do as you have done and the Comd: has never before been found fault with.

It is believed that in all cases where such allowance has been made, it has been for journeys performed with the previous sanction of this Department.

Five similar Charges have been disallowed in the last account rendered by the late Treasurer, Mr. McKim, on the ground that he made the expenditure without authority from this Department.

I am very Respectfully,
Wm. C. Brown
Secy: of the Treasury

A. Derall Esq
Coiner W. Mint
New Orleans.

P.S. Your account is
herewith returned.

Treasury Department
Oct 1881

Sir

Instead of the Bond of
the Collector as a security
for the production of a regular
power of attorney in the case of
the merchant certificates of export
I respectfully request you are authorized
to take the security of Deputy Collector
Dunbar, of New York

Very respectfully

Wm. D. Smith

Thos. D. Smith

Secy of the Treasury

Wm. D. Smith

Treasurer of the Treasury

Philadelphia

Duplicate

Wm. H. Hall.

San Francisco, Cal.
July 9th 1851.

Gentlemen,

In reference to the suggestion made in
your letter of the 14th. of April, giving the result of the
assaying and stamping of gold Ingots during the
month of March, that authority should be given to assay
and stamp Ingots of denominations and values under
fifty Dollars, I have to state that it is not deemed expedi-
ent at this time to authorize the assaying and stamping
Ingots of less denomination or value than Fifty
Dollars.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

Wm. H. Hall

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Wm. H. Hall & Co.
San Francisco
California.

Treasury Department
October 2^d 1851.

Sir

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded to this Department, a statement showing the amount of Gold annually received at the Mint and branches for assay and coinage - distinguishing the California gold - and also the amount of annual coinage to 30 December 1850, and the three quarters of 1851, ending 30 September last.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Wm. B. Ewing

Secretary of the Treasury

J. W. Eckart Esq
Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Treasury Department.
October 11th 1851.

Sir:
No serious doubt exists as to the value to be assigned
to a dollar of "Chili" in computation at the custom houses
of the U. States, I will thank you to forward a statement, as
practicable, showing the results of the last assay of that
metal at the Mint.

The act of Congress, approved 25th June,
"regulating the value of certain foreign silver coins
of the U. States" - regulates, among others, the value of
the Chilean dollar, & requires that assays of the coins referred
to in the act shall be had at least once a year at the
Mint of the U. States.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing
Secretary of the Treasury

C. W. Eckert.
Director of the Mint of the U. States.
Philadelphia
Penn^a

Copy

Treasury Dept
Oct 13 1850.

Sir

Your letter of the 4 Inst has been duly recd & I would reply that the letter to which you refer in your communication has never been recd by this Dept.

I have this day directed a warrant to issue in your favor for the amount requested, which will be remitted as soon as the warrant passes the usual form of business.

Very Resp^lly
Thos Corwin

Secy of the Treasury

A. W. Redding Esq
Supt U. S. Branch Mint
Savannah Georgia.

21,
Treasury Department
October 24. 1851.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant. The Department is desirous to avoid any increase in the amount of the balloon fund now in the Mint, if it can be done without causing any great delay in the payment of deposits. — No can it without a violation of the provisions of the Act for the better organization of the Treasury, the Treasurer to advance money for the redemption of Mint Certificates.

Should you find, however, that there is likely to be any delay in paying the depositors be pleased at once to advise the Department, if possible some means will be devised to prevent it.

I am very Res^t
Wm. B. Mason
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Eckert
Director - Mint.

Treasury Department
October 30. 1857.

Sir

The annexed information has
been furnished to the Department from a source
of the highest respectability, communicated by
a person in London, equally respectable.
Any deficiency in weight or fineness in other
specimens of the coinage, is a subject of such
importance that the Department requests your
immediate attention to it, and that you will
please also, communicate with the Branch Mints
inspecting it, and request them to make a prompt
report on the subject.

I am very Resp^t

Thos. M. Butler

Secy. of the Treasury

J. M. Corcoran

Director of the Mint

Philad^a

Done

Exhibition

San Francisco, 1894.

With regard to your remarks regarding
the turn out of the Gold Coinage, I have
the impression that you will
on reference to the accounts of the
in question that is carried from $13\frac{1}{8}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$
more than standard gold, which from other
have generally run from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ and even
1.2, and consequently the parcels for Asia
are a somewhat better result.
I had occasion to notice the assay of American
any from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 worse than standard, we are
with these must be a want of precision
in the process of minting.

Altina Barclay of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
October 20, 1857.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing a copy of one addressed to you by the President of the Franklin Institute.

The Department is desirous of furnishing all the proper facilities in its power for the execution of the Medals referred to, and can perceive no objection to the employment of the Coin-Mint to strike the medals - or to the use of the ^{coin} presses for that purpose - provided that they are to remain in retirement, and, provided, also, that the work be not done during the usual working hours at the Mint or at such periods as to interfere in any manner with the regular operation of that establishment.

I am very Dear
Respectfully

W. C. C. Everett
Director of Mint -
Philad.

Sec. of the Treasury

The Treasury Department
November 1, 1857.

At the request of Mr. Mr. Office of the Treasury, of the U.S.
Branch Office at New Orleans, I have this day directed the
of the sum of \$100,000 to be made to the Treasury, in the form
which he is authorized to receive on account of the same, and I have
Mr. Mr. Office request that, and appear in a letter from the Treasury
under date of the 28th Oct. will explain to you the effect of this arrangement.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing

Mr. Ewing
Secretary of the Treasury

V. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

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U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

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In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing a statement for the sum of \$27,800 for the 18th inst. in favor of the U.S. Department of the Interior, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the same and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Salaries of Officers &c	4,300
Wages of Workmen	8,250
Trunk & Carriage	14,800

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of \$27,800 being a balance to the credit of the appropriation for salaries of officers &c for the 18th inst. as reported in your letter, has been transferred to the credit of the appropriation for Disbursement of National expenses, &c. &c. and will be paid in conformity with the order of the Department. This sum of \$27,800 has been divided into two parts to be submitted to Mr. Robert D. Rogers of the District of Columbia & the amount charged upon the books of the District of Columbia & the fact that Mr. Rogers should be informed that the same may be observed in the accounts of the District for the expenditure of the same. Mr. Robert has also been informed of the same in the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. L. G. D.

Pro Com. Sec.
Secretary of the Interior

U. S. Office of the
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 3. 1851.

Sir

The letter to enable you to make
the investigation in the matter to which your
attention was called by a letter from the Department
on the 30th ult. I send enclosed, copies of two
recent sales of parcels of American Gold in London
which have been submitted to this Department.

I am very Resp^t

Wm. Brown

Sec. of the Treasury.

D. G. M. Loker

Director of the Mint

Philad^a.

Treasury Department
Nov. 12th 1881.

I will thank you to transmit to this Department a statement showing the receipts & issue of domestic gold at the Mint and its branches for the year ending the 31st of October, distinguishing the sources from which received, and the coinage of the Mint and the several branches.

and also a statement of the annual purchases of the Mint and cash branches for a similar period.

The above are required immediately to accompany my report.

Very respectfully,

Wm. B. Brown
Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. H. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

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Revenue Department
December 10, 1861.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your communication dated the 21st inst. -
The Department can see no objection to the amount of the project on the coinage of 3 cent pieces, being applied in the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Bureau, which, from your letter, it appears will not, probably, be the case. It may therefore be so applied for the present.

The coinage of 3 Cent pieces may be continued and if at any time you should have an excess beyond the amount required for individual applications, you can make remittances to the depositaries when applied to.

Very truly,
Yours,
Thos. B. Ruff.

Sec. Treasury.

Wm. Eckert.
Treasury-Mint Building.

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Treasury Department
November 18. 1857.

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I forward and enclose from a
farm at Orleans relative to the yield of
sugar at the Branch Mills, to which your
prompt attention is requested, with an early
report.

I am very Resp.
Thos. C. Mason
Sec. of the Treasury.

M. McAlpin &
Branch Mills
Orleans

Treasury Department
December 12. 1851.

Sir

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to say that the Department does not see any objection to a compliance with the request of the Worcester County Mechanics Association and you are, therefore authorized to cause the Medals to be struck. The expense, of course, to be paid by the association - and the operations of the Mint not to be in any manner interrupted.

I am very Resp^l.

W. B. Wood

Acting Sec. of the Treasury

J. M. Schoor

Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
11 December 1831

Sir

Please report to the Department whether in any cantonments the fifty dollar engos issued by the U.S. assay office at San Francisco have been found by the assay of the mints at Philadelphia to be of less than the stamped value.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Wood

Assistant Secretary

Wm. H. Wood
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Dec. 13. 1857.

Sir,

Application has been made by Mr. C. Wright to have struck at the Mint a gold medal presented to the Hon. Henry Clay by some of his friends, as commemorative of his acts in public life, and you are authorized to have the medal struck at the Mint on the usual conditions.

I am very Resp^t.

W. L. Briggs

Acting Sec. Treasury.

W. L. Briggs -

Director of the Mint.

Secretary, Department of the Mint

Washington 26th Feb 1861.

I forward to you this copy of a letter from
Mr. Bullion on the subject of his views as to
mode of testing his new process for purifying
Silver Bullion. It is the wish of the Department
that the process should have a full and fair trial at
Philadelphia, and you are requested
to instructs to afford Mr. Bullion the most full
facilities for so doing. The order that
there may be no cause for complaint on his part,
either error or mistake. The actual process will be
conducted under his especial direction, and with care
in the custody of the Bullion, during the whole operation
under him and the proper officers of the Mint. It
is understood and agreed with Mr. Bullion that the
United States, and to be guaranteed by him from
all loss or expenses attending the trial beyond what
he has to the present mode, though any additional
expense for erecting furnace of which may be subsequent
expense to the United States will be borne by the
Mint, and that any additional advantages or profits

London, December 1
1842

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in the subject of the present custody of the collection which is in process of opening under the plan proposed by Professor Hall. The Department did not intend to relinquish the present custody of it, that it should be placed in violation of any provision of the law, and your anxiety to find difficulty in giving precise instructions on the subject.

The object of course was to satisfy Professor Hall and that the whole process should be conducted in a manner to leave not the least ground of complaint on his part that any thing had been done against his views.

I presume that there can be no difficulty in arranging between yourself and Mr. Hall such some plan which will not in any way violate the law will be satisfactory to him on this point and you are accordingly authorized.

attending his present process, will be obliged to pay any
extra expenses, outlay, or loss, of any kind, which may attend
the proceeding for which he might otherwise be liable.

The experiment can in any respect be carried to
the extent of the separating of two or three hundred thousand
dollars of business, and if from that result you find no
serious loss is likely to occur, you can continue it on a
larger scale, as you and Mr. McCulloch may deem necessary
or advisable, or until he may be satisfied as to the extent
of the operation.

You will please understand that the Boardman
wishes the process tested in a manner and to an extent
which will enable you to report fully and definitely as
to the nature of it, and whether it will be advisable
to introduce it permanently into practice in the future
operation of the Mint and branches.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W. B. Wood

Dr. H. M. Coleman,

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Act. Sec. of the Treasury

Treasury Department
January 1st 1852

I write thank you to inform me whether your accounts
as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia embracing the account for the ex-
traordinary expenses of the Mint could not be transmitted to the 1st Section of the
Treasury for examination & adjustment immediately after the expiration of a
month assuming, when those accounts shall have reached that office, that
they receive immediate attention. The object of my inquiry is to know whether
any well grounded objection to such a course presents itself to your mind, as
I deem it material to the best interests of the public in relation to all disburse-
ments of money, that the details of expenditures should be accurately ascertained
at the earliest practicable period & the accountability required by law met by care-
ful examinations & statements that the results of the ~~same~~ ^{financial} ~~department~~ ^{department} may ap-
pear promptly upon the books of the register of the Treasury.

I shall feel obliged by your reply at as early a period as your public
duties may permit.

Very Respectfully Sir
William C. C. S.

and C. Dale
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

W. B. Magee
1st Section of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
9th January 1872

The Committee of Ways and Means
has forwarded the following question to the
Department, viz: "What would be the probable
expense of establishing a branch office at
Philadelphia and New York?"

Will you please state the estimate
out of the probable cost of the engine and
the interior fixtures of every kind which
you may think necessary for the above es-
tablishments: this estimate ~~and~~ to be ex-
clusive of the cost of the buildings.

The Department would be pleased
to have your ideas as to what would be the
probable cost of a suitable building in New York
based on what you think such a building
should be erected ^{for} and Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully,
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Very respectfully,
W. H. C. C.
Chief Clerk of the Treasury

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Warren Department
Feb. 20. 1862

I enclose herewith, as soon as
a communication addressed to the Department
by the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means
and will thank you to forward this document with
the information asked for, at your earliest con-
venience.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Kege
Adj. Sec. Treasury.

P. G. N. Schmitt

Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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St. Louis, Missouri
January 27th 1858.

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Sir,
I have to inform you that as announced by the President, Professor Silliman, and the other gentlemen of the Board of Regents, a paper has been prepared to send to the animal and vegetable world on the second Tuesday the 9th of February next.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Cress
Secretary

2. H. B.
Dr. Geo. Eckert
Director of the West
Ancona are the letters of introduction.

51.
Sullivan
January 27th 1852.

Sir,

I am authorized by the President to
appoint you a Commissioner to act conjointly
with Stephen Colwell Esq of Philad^a and
Professor Hare of the same place to carry into
effect the 35th Sec. of the Act supplementary
to an Act establishing a Mint & regulating
the coin of the U. States. The Commissioners
are to meet at the Mint on the second Monday
of February, the 9th proximo.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Sullivan

Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. C. Sullivan
New Haven,
Conn.

Frederick Schott
Jan 4, 27 1852

I am authorized by the President to
appoint you a Commissioner to accompany
Prof. H. A. Hare of New Haven, and
other persons to visit the various States of the
Union, to see the 30th sec. of the Constitution,
to be establishing a mint & regulating
the coin of the U. States. It is his intention
to visit at the first on the second day
of January, the 9th province.

Very respectfully

Wm. Schott

Sec. of the Treasury

Prof. H. A. Hare
Philadelphia.

531,

Treasury Department
January 22nd 1822

Sir:

I am authorized by the President to appoint you a Commissioner to act conjointly with Professors Silliman & Howe, to carry into effect the 22nd section of the last supplementary act to an act establishing a mint and regulating the coin of the United States. The Commissioners are to meet at the Mint on the second Monday of February, the 9th proximo.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
The Comm.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Stephen Colwell Esq.
Philadelphia
P^t

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Dear Mr. Garrison
New York

I have to address you the
letter of 1000 - letter I have yesterday, and
hence I enter a letter of action. I am
P.S. I have a son of the Commissioner of Alas.
Richard Governor is now in the City and
is not decided whether he will be able to attend
the show on the day of course. This decision
will, probably, be known in a few days.

I am very Resp.
Yours

Sec of the Fair.

J. C. W. Loring
Phila.

Every one
Thurs. Sept 10

I am distressed by the
to appear for a long time
in Philadelphia and have a
to leave home to attend to
business and to be in the
city a short time.

The Commission is to meet
at the second Monday of
the 9th month.

Very respectfully
Yours
Sec. of the Mass. G.

Wm. Everett Moore
Philad.
Comm.

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Treasury Department.
Feb^y 11th 1852.

Dear Sir,

The beaver Woods Baker Esq.
goes to Philadelphia under instruction of
the Superintendent of Weights & Measures to
perform certain experiments for that office
at the Custom House. Should his duties
permit, and Professor McCulloch desire his
services, he is at liberty to aid him in
testing his process for refining gold; you
will please receive him accordingly.

Very respectfully

Throon

Geo. W. Eckert Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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Department
June 22, 1882.

Mr. S. C. of Baltimore has
applied to the Department to have certain medals
show the date of award as in the Museum
Mr. Wright to have certain bronze medal struck
from the date prepared for the Clay Medal
and Mr. W. B. Austin to have medal struck
for the use of the Mass. Horticultural Society from
the year in the Museum.

There are authorities to
have these several requests complied with, provided
it can be done without expense, and without inter-
fering with the operations of the Institution.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. Brown

Secy of the Treasury

F. C. M. Cohen
Director of Mint

1831
Treasury Department
March - 9, 1852

Sir -

Your requisition for \$14,145 on account
of the appropriations for the expenses of the Mining
has been received. It has heretofore been the practice
for the Director of the Mines to make his requisition
for a specific sum under each head of expenditure.
That form is necessary inasmuch as there is a
distinct account kept in the Books of the Treasury
under each head of appropriation.

Be pleased, therefore, to make your requisition
in that form.

I am very Resp^{tly}

Wm C Brown

Sec of the Treasury.

Geo W. Peck
Director of the Mines
Philad^a

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Reading Department
15 March 1832

Sir

Will you please advise the
Department what is the
intrinsc value of the Roman Gold
Minty piece as compared
with the gold coinage of the
United States of the Gold Clupian
in value piece

Very respectfully

Yr obedt servt

W. H. Reed

Chas. Reed

N. E. Reed Esq

Director of the Mint

W. H. Reed

1071
Treasury Department

6th April 1822.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Inst^o on the subject of a purchase of silver bullion for the new coinage, in view of the final passage of the Bill for that purpose introduced into the Senate, & in case of its failure to be applied to the coinage of the three cent piece. I state in reply that the Treasurer of the Mint will be authorized to make the needful purchases in conformity to your suggestions. The Department also accedes to your suggestion to authorize the Treasurer to distribute the three cent coin at the expense of the United States, in exchange for gold coin, to any persons requiring them, that are conveniently accessible on the line of the express, and he can at his discretion cease to send supplies of this coin to the Government.

Officers designated in the previous instructions of the Department

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Thos. M. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. A. C. Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
6th April 1832

In conformity with the suggestion of the Director of the Mint, you are authorized to purchase with gold coin belonging to the bullion fence foreign silver coin or bullion to an extent not exceeding \$100,000 with a view to being used for the new silver coinage authorized by the bill now before Congress, and in case of the failure of the passage of the bill, the same silver to be applied to the coinage of three cent pieces. The cost of these purchases until the passage of the new coinage bill to be charged to the two cent account.

You will of course use due caution in making the above purchases of silver so as to avoid if possible the creating any advance in the price. If the purchases should be in foreign coin by tale you will of course prefer that which will be the most advantageous as to fulness of weight and fineness in proportion to the premium demanded or paid. You will keep the Department advised at least weekly.

of the nature and extent of your purchases and
the premium paid.

You are further authorized to distribute at
the expense of the United States the three cent pieces
in exchange for American gold coin to any parties
requiring them who are conveniently accessible on the
line of the express, and can at your discretion
suspend forwarding any further supplies to the officers
of the government designated in former instructions from
this Department. It will probably bear well if you
communicate with them on this point and ascertain
their views on the subject. It would simplify the
accounts and save the necessity of transfer warrants
of banking institutions or individuals at these points
designated in said instructions would for the purpose
of supplying the respective communities with this coin
place the needed funds in your hands in payment
of the amount required which you would then ^{forward} to them
at the expense and risk of the United States

Very respectfully

Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Very resptlly
Thos M
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasurer Department
and - H. H. H.

Si-

Your memorandum of Mr.
Charles Peto to be a check on the Branch Bank
at N. Orleans in the place of J. J. Wickes was
dearly received and has been confirmed.

Mr. Peto's bond has, also, been received and
approved.

I am very respectfully
Yours

Secy of the Treasury

Wm. L. Bayne Esq

Treasurer of the Pro. Mem.

N. Orleans

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Warren Department
April 27, 1862

Si.

Dear Sir, I received your letter
of the 21st inst. and have received
due consideration by the Department. You are
hereby authorized, in compliance with your
request, to purchase American as well as
foreign coin in view of the probable change
in the law relating to silver coin.

I am very truly,
Yours,
The Secretary

Sec. of the Treasury

Wm. M. McKim
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
14th May 1852
Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 1st inst. in relation
subject of the resemblance of the
coin issued by Moffatt & Co. of Cali-
fornia to the regular coin of the United
States, and state in reply that the
Department will by the next steamer,
address the United States assayer
at San Francisco on the subject.

Very Respectfully,

Yours Obedient

Wm. Patterson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Gen. Edwin Esg.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
5th May 1832.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 17th ult. recommen-
ding that the planchets for the cop-
per coinage should be manufactured
in the Mint instead as heretofore being
purchased ready prepared for coin-
age & state in reply that a copy of
your letter had been communicated
to Congress, with a favorable recom-
mendation from this Department
of the plan you suggest.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. B. Eustis.

Pro Secy.
Secretary of the Treasury.

G. M. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
May 14. 1850.

Sir

Mr. Lottman proposes to visit
the Mint at Philadelphia to avail himself of the
experience of that Establishment & to obtain such
information as he can; to enable him the better
to prepare a plan and estimate for a manufacturing
in California, and I seek thank you to give to
M. S. all the facilities in your power to enable
him to accomplish his object.

Yours very truly
Wm. B. Ege
Asst. Sec. of the Treasury

J. V. Eckert.

Director of the Mint

Philad.

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Treasury Department
June 3. 1852

500.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult. with a specimen of the proposed annular design of a dollar and state in reply, that the new silver coinage Bill passed by the Senate will be reported to the House by the Com. of Way. Means with an amendment authorizing this Department to regulate the size and device of the new silver coin and of gold dollar, and, so soon as the needed authority will be granted by Congress the Department will comply with you on the subject.

The same Committee will, also, it is understood; further amend the Bill from the Senate by reducing the seignorage on gold bars or ingots to the actual cost to the Mint, and, also, by making the new silver coin a legal tender.

tender to any extent in all payments to the
United States and dispensing with the coinage
of the three dollar gold piece.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Sec of the Treasury.

E. C. N. Ecker
Director of the Mint
Philad.

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Executive Order
July 2^d 1852.

Mr. George H. Durand, attached to the United States Mission in Philadelphia, is authorized by the Secretaries of State and Navy to receive any information that can be obtained as regards the operations of the European Frigate, and to convey and publish, and the diplomatic and consular Agents of the United States in Europe are respectfully requested to aid and facilitate Mr. Durand in any way in their power in furtherance of the above objects.

Wm. L. G. Sec. of the Treasury.

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Washington 22nd Sept 1863

Dear Sir, I have received receipt of your letter of the 18th ult. respecting the leave of absence of Geo. F. Dunning, one of the Clerks of the Mint & his contemplated visit to Europe for the benefit of his health, and state in reply, that you can authorize Mr. Dunning to purchase such work as you may think desirable on the subjects connected with Mints, Coinage, and Bullion, and to procure any information which may be useful on these subjects. The Department approves of the leave of absence to Mr. Dunning, but it is understood from your letter that he does not contemplate making any charge for his services.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

Acting Secy of the Treasury

C. A. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
July 7. 1852.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 6. Inst. requesting a free permit
for a Case containing 2 Assay balances for the
use of the Mint. and recently arrived at New York.

Agreeably to your request, the Collector
at New York has this day been authorized, to deliver
to yourself or to your order, the Case in question,
free of all duties and Charges.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W. S. Wood
Acting Secy of the Treasury

Geo: A. Eckert Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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San Francisco
June 15. 1857.

Sir

Your Letter will be handed
to me by Commr. E. Ringgold of the U.S. Navy.
Capt. Ringgold is desirous of availing himself
of the shells & implements of Artillery and of the
Machinery for expiring Ordnance & Ammunition.

The object will be more particularly explained
by Capt. R. and I will thank you to render him
every facility for the attainment of it - not inconsis-
tent with the practice and regulations of the
Mint - and which will not interrupt the operations
of the establishment.

I am very Resp^{tly}
Wm. C. Cress
Acting Asst. Treasurer.

P. G. M. Schert.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
July 20th 1852

George Le Prentiss Esq of Louisville has requested
the Department to purchase Coal for the
use of the Mint from him or Mr Stibney
to work a mine at Cannellton Ind.

Without giving any positive directions
on the subject, the Department would be pleased
if it may be found as convenient and economical,
and as agreeable to yourself, to purchase your
supplies from these gentlemen as elsewhere.

Mr Stibney is now at New Orleans with
whom you can make an arrangement if it is
desirable

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Wm Hodge

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

P. M. McAlpin Esq

Director Branch Mint

New Orleans

La.

Treasury Department
July 21. 1853.

Sir

Allocation has been made
by the Department to the Superintendent of the
Branch Bank at Charlotte his permission to
suspend collections at that establishment from
about the middle of August to the 30th September.
This has been the practice for several years
and we are authorized to give the permission when
you provided you see no objection to that course.
I am very Res^{ly}

W. B. G.

Acting Secy. Treasury.

P. G. W. Lister
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

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Udang-Sea-Bassery.

P. M.
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Warmy Department
August 5th 1852

Please furnish the Department with an estimate and also the best information in your power, for the expenses of the proposed new alkali at San Francisco, for salaries, labor, acids, and contingencies, and your views as to the probable number of assistants and Employees, besides the mine labor.

Very Respectfully
Yours, Dear Sir,

W. H. Hoge

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

George A. Lockhart Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania

War Department
Aug. 4. 1862.

~~Before the transfer of~~

5000 in 2000 pieces to the Treasury was decided
the Department was not aware that the
Treasury had recently received that amount
in payment of a transfer draft.

You will therefore be pleased not to
emit to the Treasury the bal. of \$2000.

I am very Resptlly

Wm. C. Clegg

Adj. Sec. - Treasury.

C. F. Hall Esq.

Dr. D. D. D.

Treasury Department
August 9th 1832

I forward you a copy of the Law establishing a mint in California, and the Department wishes your views in detail on its provisions; and the best mode for carrying them into effect.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant,
Robert B. Johnson
Secretary of the Treasury

C. N. Eckert, Esq.
Capt. of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Treasury Department
Sept. 4. 1855

copy
to
J. M. Smith

Sir

To enable the Department to
issue an advertisement for proposals to construct
machinery for the Straddle Mine at
San Francisco, I will thank you to describe, in
detail such machinery as will be required &
estimated to cost not less than twenty millions
dollars for annum. Be pleased to state
also, whether it will be desirable to send over
duplicates of some of any parts of the machinery
and, if so, of what portions.

I am very Resp.
W. B. Bege
Acting Sec. Treasury.

At Robert G.
Mason. At the Mine
Philad.

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Treasurer's Office
Sept. 25. 1892.

Dr -

The Depositary at Cassman
amounts \$ 200. in 2 cent coins - will you be
pleased to enclose the amount for which
the same has been bought and to forward.

I am very Resp.
W. H. Hoge
Acting Sec. - Treasury.

P. C. Vol. 8
Cassman, Mo.

Learney Department

Oct 2 1852

Sir

Your letter of the 30th ulto is received, asking
to have one of Gay & Knives patent Locks
placed in the vault of your office as a specimen
Treasure. As it appears by our record
that in Decr 1850 you were authorized
to purchase and did purchase a lock of
this description for that purpose, I desire
an explanation in regard to that, before
authorizing the purchase of another.

Very respectfully

Yours obediently

Robt Combs

Secretary of the Treas

C. Dale Esq

Treasurer of the Mint & Depository

Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
20th October 1852.

Sealed proposals will be received at this Department until the 18th day of February 1853 for the Construction of the Branch wharf at San Francisco, California according to the plans and specifications which will be furnished on application to the Department. The said proposals to contain bids for the entire work and also separately for each distinct branch of work the right being reserved to the Department to contract either way as may be found the most advantageous and advisable. The Department also reserves the right of declining to make any contract if the building and machinery cannot be finished and completed for the sum of Three Hundred thousand Dollars, to which ~~sum~~ ^{sum} the expenditure is expressly limited by the act of Congress.

Payments will be made Every six weeks on the amount of Work done and

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materials actually used on the building, to be ascertained by the estimates of the Superintendent and architect, there of reserving five per cent of each estimate, and payments twenty per cent on the first One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and ten per cent on each subsequent estimate after the above sum until the final completion of the building and its approval and acceptance by the Department.

Every proposal must be accompanied by a written guarantee signed by two responsible persons to the effect that they undertake that the party or parties making it, if his or their bid be accepted shall and will enter into a contract and bond with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury and the President of the United States, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the faithful execution of the work and no proposal will be considered unless it is accompanied with such guarantee.

Proposals will also be received

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at same time and place for furnishing the
needed machinery for said Branch mint
according to the specifications which will
(likewise) be furnished by the Department,
and upon the same terms and conditions
as specified above in relation to the build-
ing with the exception of the amount of
the Bond required for the faithful execu-
tion of the Contract, which will be in the
sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Proposals will also be
received agreeably to the Act of Congress
at the same time and place, for the Sale
and Rent of any buildings and
machinery suitable for the purpose of a
Branch mint and upon the same terms
and conditions as specified in relation
to the building, such buildings and ma-
chinery to be equal in all respects to the
Plans and Specifications referred to above
for the new building and to be capable of
coining at least Thirty millions of Gold
annually in a fair proportion of pieces of
the different denominations from one to

Twenty Dollars each as now authorized
by law.

The bids will be opened and
recorded in the presence of such bidders
as may think proper to attend, and should
the bids which may be made from Cali-
fornia not be received at the Depart-
ment previous to the aforesaid 8th day of
February 1853 it will reserve the right
to delay opening the other bids which
may be presented.

A decision will be made
as soon as practicable after the Depart-
ment has been officially advised that
a law has been passed by the Legislature
of the State of California as is required
by the 6th Section of the Act of Congress
of the 30th July 1852 to Establish a Branch
Consulate of the United States in California
exempting said Branch Consulate from all taxation &c.
Those persons in California
who may be disposed to make propo-
sals for said buildings or machinery

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will deliver the same to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco previous
to the expiration of sixty days after the
first publication of the present in two
newspapers issued in San Francisco -
(Signed) Tho Corwin
Secretary of Treasury

San Francisco

Collectors Office Novem^r
1852

Proposals in conformity with the
preceding will be received at this office
until noon on the day of January
1853 and will be forwarded to the Treasury
Department - Parties making such pro-
posals should appoint agents to attend at
said Department in Washington fully au-
thorized to complete the contract in case
it should be awarded to them

Signed T. Butler King
Collector

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Treasury Department
Oct 9 1852

After an on further examination, that you are
correct in the suggestion of your letter of the 4th inst
that the lock mentioned in the letter to you of the
2^d inst was applied to some other department. It
was in fact authorized and purchased for
the office of Assistant Treasurer at New York
You are authorized to procure one of
Sawy, Murrells, locks of an approved de-
scription for the purpose, and cause it to be
placed on the door of the vault of your office
as department, at a cost, including all ex-
penses, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

E. C. Lathrop
Treasurer of United States Department
Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Yours truly
J. B. Brown
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
October 8 1852.

Sir

You will be pleased to
transmit to G. P. Kane Esq. Depository U.S.
at Baltimore the sum of \$100 in three
cent coins; in such packages & at such times
as you can conveniently spare them -
The whole amount shall be
received at Baltimore the necessary transfer
draft will be issued.

I am very Respectfully

Yours
Wm. B. Ewing
Sec. Treasury

G. P. Kane Esq.
Baltimore

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Treasury Department
November 24th 1882.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter
of 23rd Inst. with copy of your correspondence
with Mr. Fillion, the President of the N. York
Central Bank. and state in reply that your
course as to the Silver introduced from the
gold sublim is approved, as also your
reply to Mr. F.

Very respectfully
Yours M. Scott.
W. C. Hoge
Acty. Secy. of the Treasury.

G. A. Eckert Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Treasury Department

Novemb. 20. 1852

Sir,

I will thank you to hand-
mit, One Thousand Dollars in three Cent Coins, to
Henry Woods Esq. Surveyor of the Customs at
Pittsburg Pa.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

W. S. Hoag

Acting Secy. of the Treasury

C. L. Dale Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
June 3. 1854

Sir,

The Deficiency Bill having been
passed the Department will take of the Legation
at San Francisco funds for the use of the
Minister at S. Francisco. You will receive
by Mail a draft on the A. S. Treasurer for
\$5,000. to be charged as follows.

Salaries of Officers and Clerks	\$ 10,000
Travel & Stationery	5
Expenses of Stationery Materials &c	10
	\$ 25,000

This sum is hoped will be sufficient for
current expenses and you will please hereafter
make estimates for such amounts as you may
truly require that the remittances may be
made in due time.

I am very Resp.
James Smith
Sec. Treasury.

R. B. Lytle Esq
Min. at S. Francisco
S. Francisco

Treasury Department
June 5th 1854

Sir,

The nomination of Alanson M. Randol as Messenger in your Office at a salary of \$700 per annum, submitted in your letter of the 1st inst., is approved.

No Watchmen have been appointed, and you are requested to select and nominate suitable persons for these places and propose the compensation which you may consider reasonable.

Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obedt Servt

James Buchanan

Secretary of the Treasury

Samuel J. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York,
N. Y.

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Treasury Department
June 7th 1851

Sir

The Appropriation Bill having been passed it is desirable to transfer from appropriations made by that Bill certain amounts drawn from the appropriation for creating and putting into operation the Travel Fund at San Francisco. That these sums may be drawn from the proper items of appropriations I enclose herewith a memorandum showing a mode in which the money is advanced to you (\$22,000) have been paid.

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. A. Renshaw

I am, Sir, very truly
Yours, &c.

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Respectfully submitted

June 10th 1836

It appears by the report of the Comptroller and the penalty of the official bonds of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte & Ahlonega respectively are \$10,000.

Under existing circumstances, I think they should be increased to \$25,000 each. As the Act of March 1835 requires that the bonds of these officers shall be made to the satisfaction of the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to ask your concurrence in such increase before the Comptroller is permitted to prepare and deliver the same.

Very respectfully,
James A. Smith
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully,
John C. Calhoun
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
June 12th 1854

Your letter of the 6th inst., respecting the salary
the Lookkeeper, is received—

The subject is suspended until the A pay Office
comes into operation—

Very respectfully,
W. A. S. S. S.

James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

Samuel F. Butterworth Esq.
Superintendent, A pay Office
New York
N. Y.

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Treasury Department
June 14th 1854

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst I have this day decided a warrant for the sum of \$11,241 to be paid in favor of James Brewer Treasurer of the U.S. Branch at New Orleans &c on account of said Branch and in the following manner,

Salaries of Officers &c	1441
Wages of Workmen	3000
Incidental & Contingent Expenses &c	6800

The sum of \$6,800 which is decided to be remitted on account of incidental & contingent expenses instead of \$7,000 as requested in your letter arises from the fact that the sum of \$6,800 is the entire balance at this time to the credit of the Appropriation by Congress for that object.

This amount to wit \$11,241 will be transmitted to Mr. Brewer as soon as the demand passes the usual forms of business.

Very Respectfully Sir,
J. M. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury

Chas. Beermann Esq
Superintendent of the
U.S. Branch at New Orleans &c

Treasury Department
June 19, 1854

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant a copy of which has been sent to Col. Skinner C. & D. in the mail. I will thank you to state what price can be afforded for the lot to cover the cost of carrying it to the place where it is delivered. I enclose in your communication a copy of a letter received from S. Francisco, to which I beg to call your attention.

The Superintendent of the assay office at New York suggests that some of the workmen residing in that office be taken down the coast by the U. S. mail to say whether you can furnish any good and reliable men for the different departments at that office and if so how many.

I am very truly

Wm. A. R. Phelps

Secy Treasury

Very respectfully
Wm. A. R. Phelps

Treasury Department
June 19. 1854.

Sir

Your communication dated the 11th inst. has been received. The information will be given in due time for the procurement of a warehouse on the assay office lot. Yours.

I will thank you to submit estimates and to receive and report the prices of such articles of stationery as may be required for the use of the assay office.

I am very Resp.

Wm. W. W. W.

Se. - Dr. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Sup. Assay Office

W. W. W.

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Treasury Department
June 21. 1854.

Sir

The Commercial Editor of the Journal of Commerce states that the account of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint at the close of each month is regarded with especial interest by the business men of N. York - and asks that he may be furnished with those statements.

I will thank you to cause them to be furnished as heretofore - including the one for May last.

I am very Resp.

Sam. Butler

Sec. Treasury.

J. F. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad.

Receiving Department
June 21. 1854

I sent a copy of your letter upon the subject of the Silver Coinage, to the Finance Committee of the Senate, and have had a conversation upon the subject with Mr. Hunter. He thinks it will not be possible to have any action this session of Congress, and in the mean time attention should be given to the price of silver compared with the Markets of the world, and any additional information laid before Congress at its next session, and with that I concur, but it seems to me that we have exhausted most of the silver hoarded in the Banks, and received it, and that our Mint price was made sufficient to induce foreign importation to this country.

In reference to a further appreciation of silver in the Markets of the world, compared with gold, I think in the future operations of the Mint in silver coinage, that nothing above the 25 cent should be coined, the wear of small silver coin will be equal

to any appreciation that would be likely to occur
for years, and that policy requiring us should coin
only the smaller silver coins.

Samuel May Jr. Secretary
James B. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury

A. Rose Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
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Treasury Department
June 25. 1854.

Sir

I duly received your letter
on the subject referred to in a letter from S.
Francisco of which a copy was transmitted
to you & this it would be well for you to send
to the Superintendent at S. Francisco for his report
on the subject.

Yours very Resp.
J. M. Smith
Sec. Treasury

J. Ross Brown
Director Mint

Philad.

P.S. The scale for the purchase of silver at the
mint submitted with your letter of the 24th inst.
approved

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Treasury Department
June 23 1854.

Sir

Your letter of yesterday's date
has been received and a draft for \$25000
is remitted to you for the purchase of the
articles required as stated. I will thank you
to forward the same to authorize Mr. Birdsall to
take advantage of the Market at S. Francisco
and to supply the establishment with coal
when it can be done on favorable terms.

I am very Resp.

James M. Smith
Sec Treasury

Wm. B. Brown
Clerk of the
Philad^a

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Copy,

Treasury Department
June 29th 1854

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 22nd inst received this day, it gives me pleasure to remark, that your amounts as set forth in your letter, as having been drawn during the present year, from the appropriation for the incidental & contingent expenses of the Branch Office at New Orleans, accurately correspond with the entries upon the Books of this Department. The 200 Dollars, the difference to which you refer, will be accounted for, when I add, that was the sum allowed & paid here on the 6th of January last to L. Devall for travelling & other necessary expenses from New Orleans to Springfield Mass. to procure a Steam Engine for the coming Department of your Branch of the Office & properly charged to the appropriation for incidental & contingent expenses as above referred to.

Very Respectfully Sir,
(Remains to be done)

Signed, James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury

Well
superintendent of the
Branch Office
New Orleans La

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Treasury Department
July 3. 1854.

Sir,

A warrant was issued in favor
of Treasurer Pro. Min. at the of Treasurer U.S. at
San Francisco on the 20th inst. for \$25,000.
of the salaries of officers & Clerks \$10,000.
Wages of Prisoners 5,000.

Employment of Watchmen Material &c 10,000

This sum it is hoped will pay all arrearages and
be sufficient to meet your expenditures until estimates
can be received from you of the amounts which
may be required. I will thank you to furnish
estimates of the same which will be, probably,
needed for 3 months in advance in order that
the money may be remitted in time to meet
the requirements.

I am very Resp^t

Respectfully

Wm. W. Min. at San Francisco

Sec. Treasury

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Treasury Department,
July 3^d 1854.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22^d ult and the
estimate enclosed therewith are received.

A draft for \$1,300 will be this
day sent to the Collector to defray the
expenses thought necessary. The sum
estimated for by you, cannot be authorized.

Very respectfully,
Yours obdt^s servt,

Secretary of the Treasury
Saml. W. Buttsworth,
Supt. of Pay, Office,
New York.

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Treasury Department
July 3 1854.

Sir

Your letter dated the
11th ult^o. was duly received. You are authori-
zed to send to S^r Francisco a competent reducer
and refiner, as suggested - and to pay his
expenses out.

The Department declines acceding
to the request of Messrs. Maher & Sandis.

I am very Resp.

J. G. Thompson Sec^y

Sec^y Treasury.

J. Ross Brown Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
 July 1. 1854

Your requisition of the 5th inst. for funds to pay your own and the salaries of the officers and Clerks in the Assay Office is received.

The Treasurer will transmit you a draft by this days mail in your favor upon the Assistant Treasurer at New York for the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars to be applied to the object stated. Prof. Torrey, the Assayer, has been paid his salary in settlement at the Treasury up to the 31st of March last, and Mr. E. W. Edelman, Clerk, has also been paid to the same period. An account is now in the course of settlement here for the payment of Mr. Edelman's salary to the 30th ultimo.

On receipt of the money you will please pay the salaries referred to, taking proper vouchers therefor and will render an account at the close of each quarter to the First Auditor of the Treasury for settlement. Funds will be hereafter furnished in your requisition monthly for the payment of salaries and contingent expenses of the Assay Office. The

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files enclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours Truly,
Jesse H. Lawrence,
Secretary of the Treasury.

S. L. Patterson the key
Capt. of Survey Office
New York

Treasury Department
 July 7. 1854

Sir:

Herewith you will receive a letter from
 P. Schleiden Esq. Minister Resident of Bremen,
 transmitting a series of coins of Bremen which
 have, at the suggestion of that gentleman,
 been presented by that Government as a gift
 for the purpose of being placed in the
 Mint and supplying a deficiency which
 Mr. Schleiden had observed in its cabinet of
 foreign coins. I have acknowledged to Mr. Schleiden
 the receipt of this collection and have
 now to request that you will place the coins in
 your cabinet.

If you can furnish a set of American
 coins to be sent to the Bremen Government in
 return for this act of courtesy, I will thank you
 to do so.

I am, Very Respectfully

Yours Truly

James Popson Esq. Secretary of the Treasury
 Director of the Mint
 Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
July 17. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 11th and 15th instants.

I will thank you to send a bill of American Coins to the Minister Resident in Bremen - and to charge the whole amount to the ordinary fund.

You will be pleased to pay the Coin for the Bremen Mint at S^t. Francisco the rate of Fifty Dols per Month as suggested - and to arrange for the payment of the bill for the delivery at S^t. Francisco.

The assay office at N. York will, it is expected, be put into operation before the 1st proximo - and it is proposed to the Department to transfer \$100,000 of the Coin and in the mean time to the assay office - please to state whether, in your opinion and convenience will be caused by such transfer.

I am very Respectfully,

Wm. D. G. P.
Philadelphia.

See Treasury

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Receiving Cash on account
July 27 1854

The transactions of the Office of Assistant
Treasurer at St Louis have become so numerous,
and large in amount, that a pair of scales
weighing gold coins and another for
weighing silver coins in considerable sums
is necessary. Believing they can be procured
at Philadelphia better than any where else
I will thank you to cause them to be purchased
carefully packed and forwarded to St Louis
by Messrs M. Sturge & Co, after becoming there.
The bill for the same may be sent here with
your approval thereon and they will be at once
indented in favor of the persons to whom the purchase
is made and the amount credited to them.
Very respectfully
Yours and etc
E. Standen Esq
Secretary of the Mint
Philadelphia

Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
July 22. 1854.

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Your letter dated the 21st 50.
has been received and you are authorized to
give the necessary permission to the Superintendent
of the Penitentiary at Charlotte to close that
establishment as requested.

Enclosure - ~~enclosure~~
origin - 9. Eagle & quarter eagles with an extract
from a letter received with them to show
are they were obtained.

I am very Ours
J. M. Smith
Sec. Treasury

J. M. Townsend
Director of Mint
Minister

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Department
July 24, 1854.

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I submit the enclosed letter
concerning the demand of the Branch Mint
at N. Orleans regarding the Bonds of Martin
Kennedy and James M. Horton in your
possession. The 5th Act of the Act establishing
Branch Mint in California provides in the approval
the Bonds to the Secy. of the Mint at Philadelphia.
I am very Res^t
Sincerely,
J. S. Mason.

J. R. Mason
Secy. of Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
July 27. 1854

For

It is deemed very desirable to furnish from the Branch Mint at San Francisco, a silver as well as a gold coinage for the Pacific Coast. In order to obtain the silver bullion deemed necessary for the purpose the Department has made the enclosed contract with W. B. Smith, of San Francisco, but although fully appreciating the benefit of such a course he was not willing to contract for the bullion absolutely as he doubted whether he could comply without loss, and therefore the provision to vacate the contract, should he choose, on or before the 1st of January next.

I have determined to place in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint \$200,000 to purchase silver bullion, for coinage at your Mint, and send, by this mail, that amount to him in Treasury Drafts, on New York, in sums of \$20,000 each, to be sold by him at the current premium, and the \$200,000 to be placed as an addition to the bullion funds, and the premium to the credit of the Treasurer in his account, as asst. Treasurer. If silver bullion office, London

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the ~~quantity~~ to be used in its purchase, and as it is
coined and put into circulation, the silver bullion
kept up to that amount for the continued purchase
of silver bullion, but if none offers, to be used as the
residue of the bullion fund assigned to the San
Francisco Mint. The price to be given for silver
bullion is 75 cents per ounce, as named in the
contract with O. P. Smith.

Yours Very Respectfully
Lewis A. Bindsall
Secretary of the Treasury.

Lewis A. Bindsall Esq
Asst. Sec. Mint
San Francisco
Calif

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Treasury Department

July 27 1854

Sir

I enclose, without sealing it, a letter addressed by me to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. I also enclose the contract made with Mr. Pratt and referred to in that letter. These papers are sent to you for your information; and after reading them and taking proper notes of their contents, will thank you to dispatch them to their destination, with such explanations or remarks, as you may deem necessary to give effect to the object in view.

I have the honor to be

Yours, &c.

D. C. Seward

Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
August 1st 1852.

You will receive by this mail, 25 Treasury Drafts of \$20,000 each - One of them for the bullion fund in your branch mint, and which I wish employed in the purchase of silver bullion, if it can be obtained, and coined for circulation on the Pacific Coast, and the fund from time to time reinvested in silver bullion - The other 24 drafts, are to supply the Assistant Treasurer, with funds to pay drafts -

W. B. Smith, of San Francisco, California, wished to make a contract to transport all the specie the Treasury might require to be transported from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific - the proposition was declined. Mr. Smith then wished to have the preference at the current market prices, which was also declined. But I have thought you might as well make an arrangement to have the cash for these Treasury Drafts as you needed it, and to do so, you might open

to give him the preference, provided you get the cash
as you needed it for the Drafts. I kind to Mr Tamm
I would write to you on the subject. If you shall
conclude to make such an arrangement with Mr
Tamm, there are no objections as long as he consents, and
does prejudice you with other purchases. -

Your bullion fund as often as invested for
Coinage, will be returned from the coinage of the Mint,
and again ready for like use. It will enable you
to dispose of Treasury Drafts for the use of the As-
sistant Treasury, as many owners of bullion will
prefer taking the Drafts and allow the highest premium
rather than run the risk and pay freight and Insu-
rance on the bullion to the Atlantic; and under
the expectation that such would be the case, the
arrangement proposed by Mr Tamm to take the
Drafts at the Current rate was not agreed to, and
I desire you should take this mode of disposing of
the Treasury Drafts into consideration, before making
even a temporary arrangement with him, or of
reversing this mode of disposing of the Drafts, in any arrangement
you may make with him.

L. R. Snyder Esq

Asst Treasurer San Francisco, California -

I am Very respectfully

Yours Truly

Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
August 2. 1854.

Sir,

Your communication of the 31st
enclosing a letter addressed to you by S. N.
John A. Weight Clerk in the assay office here
has been received and the course adopted by you
approved.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
Sec. Treasury.

S. H. Butterworth
Sup. Assay office
Wash.

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Treasury Department
August 14. 1854

Sir,

I have been applied to by Messrs. Morgan & Orr of your City, to permit them to have the use of the Patterns of the Mints to make Mint Machinery for Peru.

I have no objection to allowing them to have the use of them, to accommodate the Government of Peru, they undertaking to restore the Patterns in good condition, and you are authorized to let them have the use of them.

I am Very respectfully
Yours Truly
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm Snowden Esq
Director of the Mints
Philad^a

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Treasury Department,
August 17. 1854

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst., with the enclosed letter from Maher and Lander, has been received. We think the causes alleged for an advance on the contract price for Nitric Acid is worthy of consideration, but I think you should call for a detailed report from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco upon all cost of materials and labor there, which would influence the cost of manufacturing the article, and then after comparing the same with the cost at Philadelphia, and that made when the contract was entered into, determine for yourself the advance that ought to be allowed. You might also call for a detailed report from the Contractors on the ^{same} subject, to state the advance they will require to enable them to fulfil their contract. In this way you will be able to judge whether an advance should be made and the extent. I think it better to make the necessary allowance rather than to let

them fail in the performance -

It also think you might authorize
some experiments with the Muscatic acid
process, for the purpose of ascertaining, whether
we could resort to that process on the failure
of Nitric Acid.

I am, Very Respectfully
Yours
Secretary of the Society

J. P. Snowden, Esq.

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia,

Pa

Treasury Department

August 20. 1854

Sir,

I refer to the instructions prepared for you and which you propose to issue for the information and government of the Assay Office at Philadelphia.

I have concluded not to authorize in the present, the issue of Certificates, at the Assay Office, for depositing of gold or silver, but to assimilate the proceedings of that office as far as its functions extend to those of the Mint, by authorizing the former to pay for depositing as far as the funds on hand will permit, either in bars or coins for such deposits, after the same shall be assayed, and the value ascertained and upon the deduction of such charges as are made at the Mint. Such payments to be made only when the bullion is to be coined into gold or silver coins or made into coins. When the bullion is to be refined by melting only, as has been authorized at the Branch Mint at San Francisco, the proper charge is to be made thereon and the identical metal to be returned to the depositor.

I consider it undesirable to keep

the accounts between the Mint and Assay Office
in the manner proposed in your instructions, the
effect of which would be that the business fund is
continually rising and fluctuating between the two
establishments, and the state of the fund in either
at any given time, be unknown at the Treasury.
It will for many reasons be better for a distinct ac-
counts with each to be kept at the Treasury, as
will not be changed in amount, but by its actions
and order. Under this principle of the accounts
the Assay Office will pay out coin or refined bars
from time to time to depositing, and whenever it has
occasion for coin, will send to the Mint, the bars
it has refined, and receive the amount as an issue
and used in coin.

I observe in these instructions that in
prescribing the course of business in the Assay Office
and the distribution of duties amongst the officers,
you in several instances refer to the Clerk and
to the delegated representatives of the officers as
required to perform certain of their proper duties.
The directing to the Clerk, &c. should, I think be
omitted, and the several duties assigned to the
proper officers, upon whom the responsibility of

whether really performed by themselves, or others,
involved by law.

Will you please make the attending
interested by these suggestions, and return the in-
teresting at least as may be for my approval.

I am very respectfully,
Yours for many
Secretary of the Society

Rossmore Reg
Director of the Mind
Philosophia

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Treasury Department
August 18. 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th enclosing five specimens of a modification proposed for the one dollar gold coins, and to say that the change is approved by the Department. I marked you will find \$5 piece - the value of the specimens sent by you.

I am very, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. C. Treason.

Prof. Townsend Esq
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
August 22, 1854

I have received your letter of the 21st.
My letter of the 22nd was not without consideration of the laws applicable to the Office in New York.

The 11th section of the act providing for the assay office in New York provides that bullion shall be received at the assay office in New York in the manner and under the regulations that are or may be provided in like cases at the Mint and that such bullion shall be melted, delay melted, parted, refined and assayed and the net value thereof and of all foreign coins deposited ascertained and then provides for the assayer upon issuing a certificate payable in the coins of the metal as that deposited either at the Treasury or at the Mint at the option of the depositor.

It proposes that the Assistant Treasurer shall, instead of that certificate, which he might give payable at his own office or that of

the Treasury of the Mint, pay the money and the regulations must be so made and the money paid unless, in those cases, the Depositor shall require the certificate provided for in the 11th Section instead of the Money and when so required the regulations may authorize the certificates to be signed on and will ever sign the certificate.

This section also provides that the bullion and coin intended by the depositor at the Assay Office to be converted into coin of the United States shall be melted, parted, refined and assayed, to cast in said office into bars, ingots or disks either of pure metal or of standard fineness as the owner may prefer and the section then proceeds to direct the bullion and coin intended by the depositor to be converted into coin of the United States shall, as soon as assayed and its net value ascertained, ^{be} transferred to the Mint, that is the bullion and coin to be melted, parted, refined and assayed & certified for shall be transferred to the Mint under such direction as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct and at the expense of the contingent fund of the Mint and be then coined. (There is no provision in said section or

any other state requires bullion when melted
& assayed only at said Assay office to be
used, as directed for bullion melted, passed
refined and assayed; and I do not wish
that Depositors shall have the right to
melt coin for bullion in that state
until be sufficient that they may have
melted, and assayed and cast into bars,
pots & disks for the purposes of assaying.

Very Very Respectfully

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. S. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasurer's Department
July 1st 1892

Sir

Your letter dated the 26th
in regard to the salaries of the Clerks
of the Mint and the Assistant Treasurer's office
has been received and I will thank you
to furnish a statement in detail of the salaries
performed by each clerk.

I am very Resp^{tly}
Yours Truly
J. C. Warren.

San. Stringer &
Treasurer Mint
— India?

Treasury Department
Aug 21 1857

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 23rd Inst. I have to inform you that an order for the free admission of the "Assay" balances was transmitted to you on the 21st Inst., a copy of the same is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Yours ob^d Serv.

Sec. of the Treasury

Saml. T. Buntinworth
Supt. Assay Office
New York

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Treasury Department
Aug 25. 1854.

Sir

Referring to your letter dated
Aug 17th instant recommending that the salary of Mr.
Robert Patterson a clerk in the Mint be at the rate
of \$1800 from the 1st July last I have to state that
the President has approved of your suggestion.
And, also, that you are authorized to fix another
salary at the rate of \$1800 per annum - the other
salaries to be fixed at \$1200 per annum.
— am very Respo.
J. M. McKim
Sec Treasury.

Stanger &
Treasury Mint

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Treasury Department
Aug. 25. 1852.

Sir

Yours letter dated 19th inst. is
now duly received and the President has approved
the increase of the salary of Mr. H. R. Lindeman
to \$1800 per ann. commencing Jan 1st next last
I am very Resp^l.

Yours truly
Sec Treasury

Prof Snowden
Director of Mines

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Treasury Department
August 20. 1854

Sir

Enclosed you will receive a set of regulations prepared with the approbation of the President, for the government of the Mint. You will be pleased to make them known to the officers thereof and to cause them to be strictly observed.

You will be pleased also to cause a set of regulations of like import to be prepared for the Assay Office in New York, and for the Branch Mints at San Francisco, ^{San Diego,} Charlotte and Dahlonega, with such alterations in the names and number of the officers employed in them respectively as may be required & to transmit such regulations to the Superintendents with instructions to cause them to be observed in their several institutions.

So much of the regulation as imply double doors to the vaults and double keys to each door will, of course, be inoperative in the Mint until the alterations are made. Capt. Bowman, the Superintending Architect of the department will be in Philadelphia in a few days, to make arrangements for providing

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additional doors and keys to the vaults, shutters to the windows, fire proof floors to the refining room and other means of security, and it will be proper for you to arrange for the work of the Mint to be suspended about the 1st October next and the bullion put out of the way in order that the work, which the safety of the Mint requires may then be done.

I also send for your information a copy of the report of Messrs. Smith & Pickett of their examination of the boxes mentioned and described, you will cause a sufficient number to be made for the use of the Mint as well as for the Assay office and Branches, and to distribute to the latter such as they may require. The samples, heretofore sent to the Department, you will receive by Adams Express.

I am, very Respectfully,

James M. Wiggins
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

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Regulations for the government of the Director of the United States.

The 2^d section of the Act of the 5th January, 1792, provides, that the Director shall have the control and management of the Mint, the superintendence of the officers and persons employed therein, and the general direction and supervision of the business of the several branches. But the Director being, by the law of his appointment, subject to the President and, in point of his duty, to the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, the following rules have been devised, with the concurrence of the President, to regulate the control of the Director, over the institution, and render it effective for its due and proper management.

— of the Director —

It is required of the Director to give his personal attention to the business of the Mint during the regular hours of business, and at such other times as he may deem necessary to provide for the dispatch of the proper business, and for its being duly secured and guarded.

He will receive a regular attendance during the stated hours, and at such other times, as he may deem necessary, of all the other officers, Clerks, and Workmen, and will cause rolls to be kept and reports made to him monthly, showing such attendance as he gives or thinks, including the present and the future, is necessary to be kept in each

The will, at the end of each month make the examination prescribed by the 12th Section of the Act of the 8th March, 1866, of the Books, accounts, returns, and money of the Treasurer of the Atch, both as such Treasurer and as Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and transmit a full, accurate and faithful return to the Treasury Department of their condition.

The will, from time to time when he may deem it necessary, make a careful and minute examination of the work and business of the Atch in its several branches, and transmit reports of such examination to the Secretary of the Treasury at the end of each month, together with his opinion of the manner in which the work of each branch is conducted, and the condition thereof at the time of such report.

Whenever the Director shall make an temporary appointment to, in case of the sickness or other necessary absence of any officer of the Atch as provided by the 12th Section of the Act of 8th March, 1866, he will report the facts to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the name of the person appointed, the cause of the absence of the proper officer, and the time such appointments, if made, is to subsist.

Visits to the Atch for casual observation or amusement are to be discouraged, as tending to

the interruption of the officers and workmen, and to the expense of the Mint and Coin, Ordinary visits will be restricted to one day, say Saturday of each week, and no other visits admitted on any other day, except by the Express permission of the Director.

The Director will make from time to time, with the aid of such officers as he may select, a careful survey of the whole building, including the doors, windows, fastenings and vaults, and in case of any defect or insecurity therein, report the fact to the Secretary of the Treasury or provide the proper remedy.

He will provide secure chests of iron, with Spring fastenings to the lids, for the safe keeping as far as may be, of such bullion and Coin, as may be on hand, during the day, either in process of minting or as being received or transferred from branch to branch, and will provide that, all which is not in a state of solution, is removed to its proper vault at the close of business each day. He will close such recesses, vaults or rooms, if any, as are not in use or required, and will remove all old furniture, machinery, or implements, not in use, and rubbish, and otherwise provide for the greatest observation possible, of the different officers over their respective and other clerks and workmen, and guard it intrusions or contrivance from without or within.

No profit can accrue to any other officer of the Mint by reason of the legitimate operations thereof, and no private or extra official work can be done therein, with or without compensation or reward by an Officer, Clerk, or Workman.

In case of the violation of this rule, the Director, if the offender be a workman, will forthwith dismiss him, or, if an Officer or Clerk, report the fact to the Secretary of the Treasury.

If there be any workmen or other persons employed by the Director, who are not, at this time, or may not be at any future time, actually required, according to the business on hand, such supernumerary workmen will be dismissed; and the Director will not hereafter employ any such persons without first stating the necessity of such employment, with the wages to be paid, and the name, age and character of the persons and obtaining the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury thereto.

Supplies for the Mint can only be obtained by contract after advertisement for 60 days, or by purchase in open market. The Director will provide that regular accounts be kept of the supplies procured in either way, causing an entry to be made of every order issued for supplies, and the articles delivered to be compared therewith in quantity and price. The same book will show to whom, to what purpose the articles are delivered or applied.

Of the Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer of the Mint are generally prescribed in the 2^d Clause of the 2^d Section of the Act of the 18th January, 1837. The 16th Section of the same Act provided, that when bullion is brought to the Mint for Coinage, it shall be weighed by the Treasurer in the presence of the depositor, when practicable, and a receipt given, which shall state the description and weight of the bullion; provided, that when the bullion is in such a state as to require melting before its nature can be ascertained, the weight after melting shall be considered the true weight of the bullion deposited.

All Gold brought to the Mint shall be immediately weighed in the presence of the Treasurer, the Meller and Refiner, and the depositor, and an entry made thereof and a Certificate given to the depositor of such weight, but stating that the Value of such bullion is not ascertained.

If the bullion be not in such a state, before melting, that its value can be ascertained, it will be placed in one of a series of boxes so constructed that they may be placed one above another in succession, and each box, as placed upon another, may lock it, and to the last or covering box, there may be two separate locks, each of which is to lock it, and when both are locked, one key shall be retained by the Treasurer

and the other by the Melter and Refiner. With the bullion, thus weighed and placed in each box, shall be deposited a card, six inches by two, containing the number of the deposit, the name of the depositor and the weight, and these boxes shall be forthwith placed in the vault of the Treasurer, and there preserved until the Melter and Refiner shall be ready to receive them; when they shall be conveyed to the melting room and there opened, and the bullion placed in the crucibles in the presence of the Melter and Refiner and Treasurer. But before putting the bullion into the melting pots, the Melter and Refiner may require it to be reweighed, if he thinks fit. When melted, the bullion will be returned in the same boxes, duly locked, to the Treasurer, each parcel with its proper card; whereupon the boxes shall be opened and the melted bullion weighed in the presence of the same parties, or the Treasurer and Melter & Refiner only, if the depositor shall not attend, and the true weight shall be added to the original Entry. It shall also be added to the card and to the receipt when presented by the depositor, which receipt shall be considered imperfect and invalid until the true weight is so added.

A table of all deposits, requiring a first melt before assay, shall be made at the end of each week. It shall give the number of the deposit, the name of the depositor, the

description of the bullion and the weights respectively before and after the melt. This statement shall be handed with the returned cards, to the Melter, and Refiner who shall forthwith carefully examine the same and note on the table whether the differences in weights, before and after melt, are such as are usual and ordinary, and fairly consequential from the given metal in each case. The table and cards will then be submitted to the Director and preserved in his office.

From each parcel of bullion deposited in a condition for assay, or so reduced by melting to such condition, a piece will be taken of exact and uniform weight by an instrument to be prepared for that purpose, and delivered to the Assayer, attached to a card, as before described, and marked. And the Treasurer will open in his ledger, an account with the Assayer for such pieces according to the average thereof, and credit him with the same as returned with his report of the assay and value thereof.

The Melter and Refiner will be charged with the bullion delivered to him, and will be credited with the avails thereof, when returned in the prescribed form and with the lawful wastage actually incurred, sweeps &c.

The Chief Coiner will be charged with the standard metals delivered to him for coinage, and will be credited for the avails returned by him.

in coin, and with the imperfect a default fines, clippings &c.

As an unnecessary number of books must prove inconvenient, it is proposed that the Treasurer keep but two General Ledgers; one for his transactions as Assistant Treasurer of the United States, and the other as Treasurer of the Mint, with a day book, but not a journal for each. In the former he will keep a general account with the U States and separate accounts. 1st as Assistant Treasurer, 2^d as Depositary and fiscal agent for public officers - 3^d as agent for paying interest Coupons - 4th For paying interest on the inscribed debt. 5th as Pension Agent 6th For paying Salaries and Contingent expenses of the Mint so far as the amounts are appropriated by law &c.

In the latter he will keep a general account of the Mint and separate accounts, 1st with the Assayers, 2^d with the Melters and Refiners - 3^d with the Chief Coiner - 4th of Silver purchased, - 5th Copper - 6th of Sweeps - 7th of Contingent Expenses - 8th of profit and loss &c.

The Cash account will be settled at the close of each day, upon comparison of the Cash on hand with the entries in the Day Books, Check books, deposit blotters &c, and these entries must be posted on the next day to compare the Cash on hand with the sum of the general accounts in each of the two departments of business -

Of the Assayer

The Assayer will keep a regular set of books containing his account with the Treasurer; charging himself with the bullion he may receive from day to day, for assaying, and describing such bullion by the number of the deposits, the manner of the deposits, the name of the depositee, and the description of the bullion, - and crediting himself with the parcels returned, including the particulars of his report of the assay of each parcel.

Of the Melter & Refiner

The Melter and Refiner will keep a regular set of Books containing his account with the Treasurer, charging himself with the bullion placed in his hands, and crediting himself with the bullion in its various forms returned by him, including sweeps, and ^{the} wastage, which, for each quarter of the year, may have been actually incurred.

Of the Chief Coiner

The Chief Coiner will keep a regular set of books of his account with the Treasurer, charging himself with the standard bullion placed in his hands for coining and crediting himself with the coins, imperfect pieces and stuff returned.

The Assayer, Melter and Refiner, and Chief Coiner, will keep pass books of their daily transactions with the Treasurer, and

will, at the end of every week, compare their accounts with those kept by the Treasurer. None of these three officers shall leave the Mint while his assistant is absent, but either the principal officer or assistants shall always be in attendance superintending the operations of this ^{proper} department during working hours.

Any of the duties herein enjoined upon the Treasurer may be performed by such Clerk as he may designate; and any duties enjoined on the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, or Chief Coiner, by their respective assistants, in case of absence or of occupation in other duties.

— Of the Workmen —

There shall be employed in the operative departments of the Mint as many competent and trustworthy workmen as are actually required for the business thereof, and no more.

A day's work shall be ten hours, throughout the year.

The work shall uniformly commence at 7 O'clock in the morning, and continue until 5 O'clock in the evening, — one hour being allowed, to wit: from 12 M. to 1 O'clock, P. M., — for dinner, which must be taken in the Mint.

The Director may, in case of a press of work, require the men to work before or after the hours specified, but in such cases, he will require such extra work from the whole force employed on any given branch, and will specify the additional hours, in which the work is to proceed, and will notify the principal officer of such branch, who,

or whose assistant will attend during such hours as in the case of the ordinary work.

Each Officer will keep an exact roll, to be noted day by day, of the actual attendance of the workmen employed in his proper branch of business, which will be reported, at the end of each month, to the Director. He will also make to the Director, at the end of each month, a confidential report similar in character to the Inspection returns of the army for the purpose of keeping the Director advised of the habits of attention, the skill, sobriety and fidelity of each workman, or the reverse.

For any extra work, so required and performed, there shall be allowed, at the rate of one tenth of the day's wages, for each hour employed therein. In like manner for any absence from the Mill, or for failure of work during such working hours, there shall be a deduction from the wages of the delinquent, at the same rate for the time of such absence or failure.

The only holidays to be allowed at the Mill, are Christmas day, the Fourth of July, the day of General Election in the State, and the afternoon (from 2. O'clock) of Saturday.

Of the Watchmen and Messengers. —

The Mink will never be left but in the charge, in the day, of at least two trustworthy persons, and in the night, of six Watchmen.

The Watchmen will relieve the Messengers in charge, at sun down, and will, in their turn, be relieved by the Messengers at sunrise.

The Watchmen will divide the night between three sleeping in the Mink until midnight and three watching. Rounds will be prescribed by the Director, who will devise such mode of securing their observance and proper vigilance on the part of the Watchmen, as he may deem expedient.

The Messengers, at the end of Office hours, and the workmen, at the end of working hours, will severally close the ^{doors} ~~windows~~ shutters and other fastenings, and put everything in its proper place and in a state of security, in their respective portions of the building to be prescribed by the Director. At the end of working hours, the messenger in charge of the building shall make a careful examination throughout, to see that the fastenings are secure, the fires safe, and no one concealed in the building. When relieved by the Watchmen at sun down, the Watchmen will repeat the same inspection and examination, and the Messengers, as soon as they relieve the Watchmen at sunrise, will again

repeat this inspection -

The Watchmen and Messengers will be furnished with fire and other arms, kept in constant readiness for immediate use, and none but middle aged, able bodied men, of good Character and Steady habits, will be employed in either of said Capacities.

Until otherwise directed, the Watchmen, Messengers and others, not immediately under Charge of any other Officer, will be under the direction and borne upon the roll of the Chief Coiner -

— Vaults. —

Every vault used as such in the Mint shall have two doors, and two locks on each door, and no two Keys amongst them will be alike - The Keys of the Treasurer's vaults will be kept by the Treasurer and Assayer. (The Vault in the basement will not be used for the safe keeping of Coins or bullion if it can be placed in others) -

The Keys of the Assayer's Vault will be kept by the Assayer and Melter and Refiner.

The Keys of the Melter and Refiner's Vault, will be kept by the Melter & Refiner and Chief Coiner, and the Keys of the Chief Coiner's Vault will be kept by the

Chief Coiner and the Assayer.

The Vaults will all be opened and closed by the several officers designated for keeping their keys respectively. The Treasurer from 1st April to 31st Septemb. at 8. A. M. and from October 1st to 31st March, at 9. A. M. and closed at 3. P. M. - The others will be opened at the beginning of the working hours, to wit: 7 O'clock, A. M. and closed at the end thereof, to wit: 5 O'clock P. M. -

Newspapers, pamphlets or Books, are not to be received in the Mint, except those which belong to the Library of the Director, neither are any private effects, tools, furniture, books or accounts to be kept in it. - The Officers, Clerks & Workmen are prohibited from misapplying their time during business & working hours to the reading of such papers or to any private work, transaction or business.

(signed) James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
March 24th 1854

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Treasury Department

August 25 1864

Sir

The Superintendent of the Survey Office at New York has asked for permission to employ an Engineer at a particular rate of compensation named by him. To enable me to submit the subject properly to the President, will you please inform me if an Engineer is employed at the Mint and if so, the compensation allowed?

The Register to whom I had applied for this information reports that the respective capacities of the persons employed in the Mint do not appear on the pay roll. I think the roll ought to furnish this information and request that you will cause it to be amended.

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Country Shop
James Watson
Secy of the Treasury

L. H. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
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Treasury Department
August 26 1857

For your information in regard to the
expenses of the Branch Mint at San Francisco,
compared with the estimates for the same and the
appropriations made for said Branch for the
annual fiscal year I enclose copies of a letter
received from the Treasurer thereof and of the
estimates of other officers, therein enclosed.

Will you please examine the subject and
report to me whether there does not furnish
any ground for modifying and increasing the
table of charges for melting, parting, refining, &c,
heretofore presented for said Branch.

Will you please also to say whether the
expenses indicated in said estimate appear
to be necessary, or whether, in your opinion, they
can properly and ought to be retrenched.

Yours faithfully
R. S. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours truly
Gerrit Smith
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
August 29, 1854.

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of
letter received from the Treasurer of the Branch
at S. Francisco and of the estimates there-
of. I will thank you to examine these
estimates and to see whether they do not offer
any grounds for a change in the tariff of
charges as fixed by the Mint as applicable to the
branch at S. Francisco, and particularly as to
charge for separating coin from bars. And further
state whether the expenses as estimated may not be
some degree reduced.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
J. C. Treasury

R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
August 29th 1854.

You will herewith receive the deeds executed by the
Bank of Commerce and of the State of New York, conveying to
the United States the site of the Assay Office at New York, which
you will please have recorded in the proper Office, and then return
them to this Department.

Very respectfully,

Yours Obedt. Servt.

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Samuel H. Butterworth Esq.,
Superintendent of Assay Office.
New York City.

Treasury Department,
August 31. 1854

Sir:

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. recommending the employment of an Engineer for the assay office at from \$1000 to \$1000 per annum I was referred first to the Register and afterwards to the Director of the Mint to learn the compensation allowed the Engineer by him. Although your letter of the 30th inst. just received, intimates that a suitable person can be engaged at \$100 per mo. it is perhaps not advisable for me to state that the Director has advised me that he employs one of the workmen on ^{the} duty in question, at a compensation of \$2.50⁰⁰ per day. You are at liberty to pay the same rate -

The employment of workmen, as proposed in your letter of the 12th inst. ^{as proposed} their pay not to commence until they are actually employed. But I cannot authorize the additional compensation proposed for the messenger.

I am, very respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury

Wm. T. Butterworth, Esq.
Asst. Assay Office
New York

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Treasury Department
Sept. 1. 1862.

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Sir

I enclose herewith for
your perusal and opinion a letter
received of Mr. James B. Marshall Esq. of
Charleston S.C.

I am very Respy
Yours truly
Sec Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
Sept. 4. 1854

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. with
draft of regulations for assay office, New York, letter of
principal assayer of the Mint &c. The former is herewith
returned -

The watchmen, messengers &c. were placed
under the Chief Coiner only for your relief, and that
we might have some one of the principal officers
responsible to you for every part of the business. I have
no objection to the regulations being changed so as to place
the employees under your direct control; and so, as to the
assay office at New York and the branches.

That portion which provides for an instrument
taking pieces of uniform size for assaying must be
dropped, upon the statement of the assayer. Will you
please recommend the proper officer to relieve the assayer
from an undue share of labor in duplicating the keys.
Please arrange such duplication for the assay office and
branches, in such a mode as may prove most
convenient.

Change the times of sunrise and sunset

to 50 cts in each case, as you recommend

I am, Very Respectfully

Yours Truly

Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden, Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

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Treasury Department
September 4th 1834

Sir,

The bearer P. Remington is about to make proposals for doors and locks for the vaults of the Mint at Philadelphia, and desires, before doing so, to examine the present doors, to take dimensions &c. I have therefore to beg that you will give him an opportunity of doing so.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross. Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

State Department
Sept. 4. 1854.

Mr. Buttrick the Treasurer of the A. S. Office at N. York has
been requested to transfer to you, as the Treasurer
of the Office the balance of monies in his hands
at the expiration of said office of the Officers and
Clerks. You will be pleased to give your
receipt to Mr. Buttrick for the \$200 sent
him and to receive the balance in payment
due to him and the balance remaining in
his hands, and you will be pleased to render
an account of all receipts and disbursements as the
Treasurer of the A. S. Office, to the Credit of the
Union, at the close of each year.

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James Watson

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As directed by the Board of Commissioners to go to the near future and
 to make a report on the progress of the department.

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Treasury Department
Sept. 2. 1854.

Sir

Your letter dated 29th ultimo
has been received and in compliance with
the request Mr. Coles has been authorized to
give you over the vouchers for payments
made by you for salaries of the Officer & Clerk
of the apoc. office at N. York and also the cash
amount remaining in your hands and to
give his receipt to you for the same. Then sending
the necessary form for you to furnish more than
one voucher to close your a/c on the Books
of the Treasury. You will take the receipt in
presentation and send one to this office.

I am very Resp

Sans in this
Sec Treasury.

Wm. Butterworth
Sup. apoc. office
WJ

Treasury Department
September 5. 1834.

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 4th inst. relative to that portion of the late regulations which is designed to discourage visits to the Mint.

It was the intention of the regulations to prohibit visits of curiosity to the Mint, except on one day in the week, say Saturday, and visits on private business with the employees of the Mint altogether — the authority reserved for the director to permit visits in special cases, need not, I think, be mentioned in the notice you propose to publish, unless you go farther and specify the cases in which such permission will be given. The cases, which were in view, in leaving this discretion in your hands, were those of men of service, distinguished officers, and persons of this and other countries, who might have other motives than the ordinary curiosity in visiting the Mint and not be able to do so on the appointed day. In these and perhaps other cases, you may often find occasion for the exercise of a proper discretion, but certainly it is not desirable to establish a ^{fixed} rule, a set of ordinary visits and calls, only, to be made

relieved by your authority -

The regulation, which is designed to preclude private business of all kinds and private calls on the officers and men, as well as some others, may appear to be unusually stringent - Still I cannot think they can operate oppressively; such regulations have, at various times, been applied to the Executive departments of the Government here and even where they are not adopted as an invariable rule, exertions have been made to induce a compliance with their spirit. Recent occurrences at the Mint appeared to point out the propriety of rules as strict, as have heretofore been adopted in other public establishments, not so much to ensure greater safety, but to reinstate the Institution in the public confidence, and I think it advisable to make trial of them as they are. If any change shall be found necessary upon experiment it will, of course, be much easier in the way of relaxation than of augmentation -

I have no preference for Saturday as the day of admission, and you can therefore adopt Wednesday or Thursday -

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia -

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Treasury Department
Sept. 5. 1854.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the application of Mr. Jas. B. Marshall to have certain clerks placed at the Mint.

I will thank you to cause the work to be done at the usual charge - and the workmen be employed out of working hours they may receive compensation according to the Mint regulations.

I am very Resp^t
Yours truly
Sec^y Treasury.

J. R. Thompson
Director Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
Sept. 7. 1864

Sir

With this you will receive a box containing twenty four specimens of the gold, silver and bronze coinage of France, a pamphlet containing the letter of Mr. Vassier to Mr. Hamilton, and a synoptical table of the operations of the French Mint. The coins you will please place in the cabinet of the Mint and the documents I suppose, will also be acceptable to you.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Wm. Snowden Esq,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.
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Treasurer Department
September 12/1884

Sir,

A letter received this day from Mr. E. Bonzomus, Secretary of the Branch of the Union at New Orleans contains the request that a sum of \$3000 may be remitted to you on account of expenditures for that Branch of the Union. This sum will explain the object of a remittance of the sum of \$3000. Which I have the honor directed to be made to you.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Truly,
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

James R. Smathers Esq.
Director of the Union
Philadelphia

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Drawing Department
Sept. 14. 1854

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst received this day
directions have been given for a remittance of the sum of \$17,325 to be
made to Mr. Brewer as Treasurer &c in account as follows,

Salaries of Officers	4,325
Salaries of Workmen	8,000
For writing & incidental expenses	5,000

In reference to the subject of increased compensation to the Clerk at your
Branch of the district as presented in your letter, you will perceive in the
1st Sec. of an Act of Congress approved August 22. 1854 making appropri-
ations for the civil &c expenses of Government, that the salary of the Chief
Clerk of the Branch district at New Orleans is fixed at \$2200 from after
the 1st of July 1854. The usual appropriation for the salaries of officers
by the Act of August 4. 1854 is the same in amount as it was last
year. & the said 1st Sec. contains no actual appropriation to meet this
increase. You can however proceed to pay the Chief Clerk the additional
amount to which he may be properly entitled as authorized by the Act
before referred to, out of the usual appropriation for salaries of officers &c
for your Branch of the district & an estimate of the amount required to
supply this omission will be submitted to Congress in Decemb^r next.

The remittance of a sum of \$3000 to the Director of the
mint as you request has received attention this day & Mr. Brewster
informed of the fact. Mr. Brewer will be charged upon the Books
of the Treasury with this sum to wit \$3000. & he should be duly in-
formed by you that due care may be observed in the account
which for its expenditure.

C. Bonzano Esq.
Act^y of the Branch
of the District
New Orleans

Very Respectfully Sir
Freeman Peter Esq. W.
James Arthur
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department

Sep. 12th 1854

Your letter of the 11th inst is received. Salaries in your office, like those of the offices of the Executive Department and most other official salaries under the laws of the U.S. are made by law payable quarterly at the Treasury. Such quarterly adjustment of salaries has never been regarded as an objection to monthly payment in account in order cases, where advance have been duly authorized. The mode of disbursing officers for that purpose.

Such advances having been duly authorized under act of 31 Jan'y 1823, the officers of an office may be paid at the close of each month in account of the quarterly salaries to which they are entitled, an amount not exceeding the sum: necessarily earned by them at the time of such monthly payment - and at the close of the quarter they will be paid in full for their services during the quarter.

When in making such payment the assistant receiver should take temporary receipts from each officer to be remembered at the close of the quarter when sending receipt for the entire quarterly salary on the pay-roll - & when he should require pay-rolls for each month to be made out and receipted as follows

the rule payments on settlement of his quarterly account
is a question of convenience and security to be deci-
ded by the Assistant Treasurer. He will be charged
with the money advanced on account of these quar-
terly salaries, and must produce sufficient vouchers
for his discharge. I understand some distributing
offices add to the former course, and others the latter.
Each will determine in view of his own responsibility
which is most secure, convenient, and free
from liability to mistake or oversight.

Requisitions duly sent at the close of each
month for the advances required for the payment
herein suggested, will be promptly attended to.

Very respectfully
Yours obediently

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Samuel P. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent of Assay Office
New York

Treasury Department

Sept 12 1854

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th inst., and now return the regulations therein enclosed which you had prepared for the survey. office, with the modifications suggested.

I am not sure that I understand your remark in respect to the workmen. It is not designed to take, either from you or the superintendents, the appointment or selection of workmen; but only to place the member to be employed, under the supervision of the Department.

Sincerely Respy

James Guthrie
Sec Treasury
Rosenroden Esq
Director Mint
Phila

Treasury Department
Sept. 16. 1854

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 24th ultimo, and having again fully considered the subject to which it relates find no reasons to change the conclusion to which I had previously come thereon.

It might be convenient and even desirable to continue to do at the Mint all the business required in the process of coining, except the melting required to ascertain the value, but I cannot think such was the intention of the law. The law seems to me to have designed to vest the assay office with all the functions of the Mint with the single exception of coining, and this purpose is too frequently and explicitly expressed to justify me in authorizing it to be disregarded in practice.

The 15th section of the Act provides for the establishment in the City of New York of an office for the receipt, and for the melting, refining, parting and assaying of gold and silver Bullion.

The 16th Section provides that such Bullion without delay be melted, parted, refined and assayed.

and the nett value thereof, and of all foreign coins,
deposited in said office, shall be ascertained, and
further that all gold and silver and foreign coin, inter-
ded by the depositor to be converted into coins of the law
shall, as soon as assayed, and its nett value ascertained
as above provided, be transferred to the Mint.

The 12th section provides that the operations of
melting, fiddling, refining and assaying shall be
under the general direction of the Director of the Mint.

The 14th section provides for the same charges at the
Assay office for the various operations enumerated as
also for casting into bars ingots or ducts or pellets
and or shall be made and demanded at the Mint.
This provision for charges for alloy implies most clearly
the intention of Congress, there being no occasion for
alloy unless the bullion is to be parted, refined or
put in the condition of standard metal.

It may be, as you suppose, that the framers of
the law may not have had a full and distinct
knowledge of the processes of coinage and have since
that the bullion could be assayed and the value
ascertained by melting only, without parting or refining.
But it cannot be assumed such want of knowledge was
ground for setting aside provisions so clearly stated.

which
are practicable and appropriate to the ex-
tent design of forgery. This design has been before
stated. An office simply for melting and assaying
for precious metals would have been a very different
and inferior establishment to the office which
has been provided.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Yours Truly
James Bottom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Recd & rendered by
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

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Treasury Department
Sept. 15. 1854.

Sir.

I have received your
letter of the 12th inst. and a draft will be
emitted to you by the Treasurer in the amount
asked for.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
J. C. Spencer

J. C. Spencer
Direct Office
Philad.

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Treasury Department
September 15th 1854.

Sir,

Having looked into the accounts of the Treasury of the Mint for the expenses thereof, for some years past, I take occasion to call your attention to the subject with a view to some improvements in the former and a proper economy in the latter.

In the pay rolls, not only is the particular occupation or employment of the workmen, not stated, but the time employed and rate of compensation are not given. Nothing appears but the month, the sum payable, and the receipt. The roll should be corrected in these particulars, and should have annexed to it a Certificate from the Officer, in whose division the men respectively served, that they were actually and necessarily employed during the period for which they were to be paid.

Many of the bills are imperfectly and inexplicitly stated, and except a mere approval of some one of the Officers, are wholly unauthenticated. I noticed a bill of \$200 in the 1st quarter of 1854, in which,

after stating a few items, more than a page
is filled with merely the date and amount
without stating the article, and in not a single
line is the rate per bushel given. Considering
the large expenditures constantly going on
for repairs, machinery, utensils and sup-
plies, it seems to me that some method should
be adopted for procuring the work and sup-
plies, and authenticating the bills.

There ought to be a requisition or
other statement of the occasion or necessity
and when the work is done the Certificate of
the Officer that it was faithfully done, or the
supplies actually delivered and the prices as
according to Contract, if obtained under
Contract, or if purchased in market, as low
as could be obtained in market.

From the general run of the bills
I conclude that the supplies and work
are generally obtained in detail and at
high retail prices—60 Cents per bushel
for Salt in large quantities payable in
Cash, is, perhaps from 25 to 30 per Cent less
than should be paid, and that and
pipe lead are equally extravagant at 10
Cents per lb.

I do not undertake to prescribe
any fixed rule on this subject, but I wish

to invite your attention to it. The Government ought to buy even lower than individuals, for in the case of the Mint it is a large dealer and pays certainly and promptly; whenever it pays more it must be regarded as an abuse. None ought to be countenanced as having the right to supply at given prices; on the contrary, the market should be occasionally tried in order to awaken competition and prevent imposition.

Noted also in the accounts of the 1st gr a bill of Messrs. Mahin for examining the Mint under authority, as alleged, of the Department, and the expense of ~~77~~ of ~~6~~ retaining the gentlemen appointed to make the annual inspection. The latter item I think objectionable. In the former the authority ought to be filed with the account, and I will thank you to send it to me for that purpose.

There is another point which, I think, deserves your attention, and that is, the vast number of useless or superseded machinery, metals &c. &c., which must be constantly arising. Would it not be well for you to direct an account to be kept in each Department of the articles on hand, and report made from time to

time of such as cease to be used, and
when sold, to have a detailed account of
Sales.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
James Buttrick
Secretary of the Treasury.

P. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Treasury Department
September 18-1854

J. R. Snyder Esq
Treasurer Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal
Sir

Your letter of the 15th ulto
has been received. Salaries in your office like
the offices of the Executive Departments and
all other official salaries under the laws of
U. S. are made by law payable quar-
terly at the Treasury. Such quarterly ad-
vances of salaries has never been regarded
as objection to monthly payments on account
proper cases, when advances have been duly
authorised to be made to be made to disbursing
agent for that purpose.

Such advances having been
authorised under the Act of 31 Jan'y 1823,
Officers of your Office may be paid at the close
each month on account of the quarterly salaries
to which they are entitled, in a month not exceeding
sum respectively earned by them at the
end of such monthly payments, and at the
end of the quarter they will be paid in full for
services during the quarter.

Whether in making such
advances the Assistant Treasurer should take

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Secretary of the Treasury

temporary receipt to be from each officer to be
 surrendered on the close of the quarter upon
 executing receipt for the entire quarterly salary
 on the pay roll - or whether he should require
 pay rolls for each month to be made out and
 receipted as vouchers for such payments on
 settlement of his quarterly account is a question
 of convenience and security to be decided by the
 Assistant Treasurer. - He will be charged with
 the money advanced on account of these quar-
 terly salaries and must produce sufficient vouchers
 for his discharge. - I understand some disbursing
 officers adopt the former course and others the
 latter. - Each will determine in view of his own
 responsibility, which is most secure, convenient,
 and free from liability to mistake or oversight. -

Requisitions sent for each month
 for the advances required for the payments
 herein suggested - in time for the draft to reach
 San Francisco - before the expiration of the
 month, will be promptly attended to. -

A draft for \$9,875 - will be transmitted
 by this mail - viz

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	2,333.33
Salary of a Clerk for Treasurer	206.33
Wages of Workmen	6,500.00
Incidental & contingent expenses	833.87
	<hr/>
	\$ 9,875.00

Treasury Department
Sept. 18. 1854

I have received your letter of the 12th inst.
enclosing letters of the Treasurer and Chief Coiner and
assent to the several alterations of the regulations
for the government of the Mint therein proposed.
I am Very Respectfully,

Samuel Hutton
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Rags Snowdon Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Treasury Department
Sept. 17. 1854

I have duly received your letter of the 18th inst. & adhere to my former decision.

The gold and silver, deposited for coinage, will undergo at the Assay Office all the operations necessary to prepare it for coinage and will be forwarded to the Mint for that purpose and the Depositor will be paid in coin for it precisely as if it had been deposited at the Mint. But if gold and silver shall be deposited for melting and running into bars & assaying, without parting and refining, that operation will be done at the Assay Office for the Depositor and if the Depositor shall require it to be parted and refined before making it into bars and assaying it, that will be done at the Assay Office, and if it be required by the Depositor to be made of the American standard of Gold or silver, before making it into bars, that will also be done at the Assay Office and the Depositor will get this metal in bars as required by paying the price for the operation upon it.

Will you please correct the regulations

accordingly and forward them for my approval.

I am very Respy

Yours Truly

Secy of the Treasury

Wm. Snowden Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

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Treasury Department
Sept 19. 1884.

Sir

I have received your
letter of the 15th inst and you are
entirely correct to advertise and sell the sheep
of the Mint reserving as proposed, in the
form of your advertisement, the right of
declining the bids.

I am very Resp^t
Yours truly
Sec Treasury.

Wm. M. McKim
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

Treasury Department
Sept 22nd 1852

I have duly received your letter of the 19th inst, with its inclosure. The proposed change in the Pay Roll, is approved. —

The supplying of salt required at the Mint, are equivalent to wholesale quantities and I think ought to be obtained at corresponding rates, current in the market. —

You do not speak of the price paid for lead. The Department has now before it an offer to do the plumbing at the Marine Hospital in New Orleans at 10 1/2 cents per pound, labor included. In the case of Mr. Willing, I understand the labor to be in addition to the 12 cents per lb charged. —

I am very respectfully
Yours Truly
Secretary of the Treasury

Respectfully
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
September 25th 1864

I have this day furnished the
Assay Office at New York, with an additional
\$1,000,000, to pay for bullion, and from a suggestion
of Capt Rowman, as coming from you, I think
it would be well to have a week or two of experimen-
tal operating in the Assay Office, before the
intended altering takes place in the Mint.
You will therefore continue your operating at
the Mint, until about the middle of October,
before ceasing for the repairs intended to be
made there, at which time, by anticipation, it
will be well to make your annual close
of operating.

I am very respectfully
Yours, &c.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia..

Treasury Department

Sept. 25th 1854

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 23^d inst. Enclosed is a copy of the bill of Mr. Wierling, filed in the Mint account for 1st quarter 1854. Both labor and lead, are therein charged.

I have compared with Ricknells report, Mr. Kerrs account for salt, filed with the same account, but for delinving in the preceding quarter.

The following is the result for October and November 1853, not having Ricknells for December 1853. —

Date	Price Ricknells	Price charged
4 th Octo 1853 —	35 to 36	38
8 th " "	35 to 36	38
15 th " "	35 to 36	45
25 th " "	35 to 36	50
1 st Nov "	29 to 30	50
8 th " "	29 to 30	50
29 th " "	29 to 30	50

From the 30th December the salt is

dayed at 60 cents. It had nothing risen over
the price of November, but in that month it is
clear that Mr. Kerr charged full 60 cents per
bushel over the market price. —

The reasons assigned for continuing
the employment of Mr. Willing, do not strike me
as imperative, and if allowed would justify almost
any imposition a person so employed might attempt
to practice. —

I am very respectfully

Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department

Sept 26 1854

Sir

I have received your
letter of the 20th instant and
will turn the regulations
with my signature affixed

Sincerely very

Yours truly
J. Buchanan

Charles Sumner Esq

Director of the

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Treasury Department
Sept. 30. 1854.

Si-

In reply to your letter dated 29th inst. I have to state that the Department has concluded not to send coin to the assay office at N. York but to attract the payment of coin until it can be supplied with bars of its own manufacture. It is proposed to pay the expense of making the proposed alterations in the mint, but of the profits arising from its operations.

I am very Resp
Jas. Buchanan
Sec. Treasury

J. D. Inceaden &
Directr of the Mint.

Treasury Department
September 30th 1834

Sir,

The correspondence which has recently taken place between the Accounting Officers and the Director of the Mint in relation to the disposition required by Law to be made of the silver parted from gold deposits which accrues to the United States under the Mint regulations established in pursuance of the last proviso of the 14th section of the Act of the 15th of January 1834, has been submitted for my consideration. The items in question, it would seem from the representations of the Director, cannot be properly considered as profits, the expense of parting being at least equal to the value of the silver separated. I cannot therefore see any reason for changing the established practice at the Mint in Philadelphia of carrying the value of the silver thus separated to the credit of the ordinary expense account. There being a considerable balance in addition to the appropriation for the current year, to the credit of the appropriations for the contingent expenses of the Branches at Charlotte and Baltimore, viz. at the former of \$671.00. and at the latter of 7998.33

being presumed that the amount which has accu-
lated at these branches will not be required for the
ordinary expenses, it is therefore thought best that the
amount transferred to Philadelphia from these
branches should be paid into the Treasury.

Should the Director be called upon at any time
for materials or machinery for either of the branches
inquisition can be issued in his favor and the
necessary funds be supplied in Philadelphia.

He will therefore be pleased to deposit separately
the amounts transferred from the branches at Char-
leston & St. Louis, after deducting the expenses of tra-
nsportation to the credit of the Treasurer of the
Mint in Philadelphia.

I am very respectfully

Yours Truly
Secy Treasury

R. S. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer Department
October 3. 1854.

Sir,

I have received your letter
dated the 30th in relation to the payment of
certain bills presented at the Mint to Major
Adams & Co. for the transportation of Gold.
The bills for the transportation of Gold
should be submitted to this Department for
payment - the freight on the Silver Coins should
be paid from the profits of the Coinage.

I am, very Resp^l.

James Guthrie
Sec^y Treasury

Yours faithfully
Director of the Mint

Treasury Department.
October 4th 1854.

Sir. I have received your letter of the 31st inst., enclosing copies of letters from the Metter on Refiner at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of the Assay office at New York, upon the subject of the regulations prepared with the approbation of the President, for the government of the Mint and its subordinate Institutions.

The frauds committed on the Mint and the report of its examination made by the experienced and intelligent gentleman I had sent to Philadelphia for that purpose, induced the conviction that its rules and administration required amendment, not only with a view to the interest and safety of the United States, but in order to restore the Institution to public confidence.

The regulations framed chiefly upon the facts stated, and opinions expressed by Messrs. Smith and Pickett had three objects in view, 1st the greater security of the treasure in its various forms, processes and conditions.

tions. 2^d stricter attendance and accountability on the part of the officers and servants at the Mint; and, 3^d greater economy in the expenses of management.

It was supposed when the regulations were sent, that there might be some portions, which, from want of experimental knowledge of some of the minutiae of the many and various operations and processes required in the Mint, might be inapplicable, inexpedient, or even impracticable, and which might be modified without impairing their general scope and spirit. You have from time to time suggested difficulties of this kind; - to all of which, I have readily assented and authorized the required modification.

It would have been more desirable if you had taken such counsel as you might have deemed necessary, and have come to a satisfactory conclusion to your own mind in respect to all the details in question involved in the regulations.

To accomplish this object now, I will thank you to prepare, as soon as may be, a

of regulations in lieu of those transmitted,
bearing the general spirit of the latter, and
making such modifications in the details as you may
deem necessary for their convenient practicable
operation, and transmit the same for the approval
of the President.

I do not think it necessary to copy to the
attention of the Superintendent ^{of the assay office} some of which are
are matters of construction and authority, and
which have been anticipated by modifications al-
ready authorized. When the regulations are put in
such form as to be suitable and proper for the
mint, you will, of course, have no difficulty in
attending their operation to the Branches.

I am very respectfully

Yours truly
James Harrison
Secy. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa

Treasury Department
October 4. 1854.

Sir

I have received your letter dated the 20th ultimo enclosing a report from Joseph Booth in explanation of the Bills of Henry Wetmore & Ker for lead and salt. And I have to remark that altho' there is an evident discrepancy and want of liability in the prices currently obtaining - is observed to show that the Government was charged too much for salt purchased in such large quantities.

The Department is of the opinion that as the Mint is a large manufacturer and is furnished with the best Mechanics, that one of them might be employed to do the joining and the lead and other materials required be purchased at the market price.

I am very Dear Sir,
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

S. P. B. President
Director of Mint
St. Louis

Treasury Department
 Dec 6 1854

Sir,

Will you please to inform the Department of the articles mentioned in the enclosed bill of Messrs. Deloit & Co. of Paris as intended for the use of the Warmer Springs, with orders by you.

Very respectfully,
 Yours ob. Serv.

W. H. Johnston
 Act. Sec. of the Treasury

R. Snowden Esq.
 Comr. of Dist.
 Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
October 12. 1854

Mr. [unclear]
I have duly received your letter of the 1st inst. together with that of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York which on your visit to that office he had placed in your hands.

I have examined the provisions of the 1st section of the Act of the 3rd March, 1853, which relate to the transfer of gold and silver intended for coinage to the Mint, and will thank you to inquire and report to me in what mode the said transfers can be most judiciously and properly made in the several particulars of expense, safety & convenience.

Upon the subject of the additional instructions proposed for the Assay Office, the following are authorized to wit:—

- 1st To melt, assay and calculate the value of each deposit separately whether designed for coinage or fine bars.
- 2nd To pay the depositors immediately after the value is determined, in like metal deposited, in fine bars or coin at the option of the depositor.
- 3rd To part and refine the deposits together, and in such amounts as may best be operated upon from time to time by the Melters & Refiners.

The fourth in the following words "To transmit to the
Mint immediately after value is determined those bars
designed for coinage" is in conflict with the regulations
which have heretofore been approved by the department
and therefore I do not feel at liberty in the absence of the
Secretary to change them. But as the Superintendent
alleges as a temporary reason for the issue of this
instruction namely, to relieve the office from the pressure
likely to come upon it in the outset of its operations, you
may consider the said instruction as authorized for
the period of three months from this date -

I am, Very Respy,

J. H. Washington

Acty Secy of the Treasury

Wm. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Treasury Department
Oct 12. 1854

21-

Your letter dated the 5th instant was duly received and submitted to the President, who has approved of the movement of the new watchmen now engaged, and of the Engineer and one fireman.

It is thought by the Department that new watchmen in addition to those now upon duty as appointed by the Engineer will afford a sufficient guard for the whole building.

I am very Res^{ly}
A. Washington
Act. Sec^y Treasury.

S. M. Butterworth Esq
Supt. of the Office
of the Treasury

Treasurer Department
October 16. 1854.

Sir,

The Assistant Treasurer at N. Orleans has, under instructions received from the Director of the Mint placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States the sum of \$10.00 - being the amount of sundry deposits of five dollar bills to individuals remaining unclaimed. Be pleased to state whether such instances have occurred at the Mint, and if so, what disposition has been made of the same unclaimed. I enclose a receipt from Mr. Adams & Co. in a package containing 21 pieces of Gold weighing 2.02.50 each - 100 pieces - the 30 Dollars in American Coins and 100 in Gold in U.S. Coin. Be pleased to have the full value placed to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. as a deposit to J. W. Ware Consul U.S. at Panama on a/c of the estate of John Cooper - deceased American Citizen.

I am very Resp^t
W. Washington
Act. Sec. Treasury

J. B. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint Phila

Treasury Department
Oct. 28. 1854

Sir:

I transmit, herewith, for your information ~~and approval~~, a copy of a letter addressed to this Department, under date of the 10th inst. by Genl. Geo. B. Meade, Quartermaster General, stating that Major Crossman, the U. S. Quartermaster in Philadelphia, has been directed to furnish, on demand and payment of the cost thereof, either a Garrison or Storm Flag (the dimensions and cost of each being given) for the use of the Assay Office in New York. You will please make the necessary application to Major Crossman and you are hereby authorized to purchase the flag which you deem most suitable and transmit the same to the Superintendent of the Assay Office, N. Y. and refer to this letter by date as your authority for so doing.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Wm. W. Huntington

Chief Secretary of the Treasury

Robt Snowden, Esq.
Quartermaster of the Mount
Philadelphia Pa.

Treasury Department
October 18. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst.
was duly received and submitted to the
President who has authorized the appointment
of two additional Watchmen and of an
Assistant Engineer as recommended by you.

I am very Respectfully
Y^{rs} Washington
Acting Sec Treasury.

S. J. Butterfield
Capt. Army Office
N. York.

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Treasury Department
October 25. 1854.

Sir

Your letter dated the 14th instant came duly to hand, but was, for some days overlooked. The Department approves of the rate proposed by you to be charged for casting standard silver dollars.

At your suggestion a transfer draft has been issued on the Treasurer of the Mint and sent to the Treasurer of the assay office of N. York for \$2000 payable in silver dollars.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,
W. W. Armstrong
Acting Sec. Treasury

J. Rees Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department

Oct 24 1854

Sir

I have received your letter of the 20^d instant. My object in requesting you not to collect the 500,000^{ft} draft on New York until further advised, was to avoid if possible the necessity of bringing coin to Phil^a to be again returned to New York. The plan you propose for this purpose is approved, and the Superintendent will be instructed accordingly. In case of your having an actual need of coin in Phil^a it will be better to make a temporary transfer to meet it from the funds in the Treasury at Phil^a than to have it sent from W^{ash}.

D. S. Woodward Esq
Director Phil^a

Sincerely
J. H. Thompson Secretary

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Treasury Department

Oct 24 1874

Dear Sir

I should have written ^{Yesterday} you
 upon the subject of the Estimates; but
 was prevented by the incessant
 press of business, and hence, intended
 to telegraph you this ^{morning}, when your
 letter ~~of~~ the estimates were received.
 I think it best, if you can, to
 include the for at San Francisco,
 and as there will be time for
 you to do so, after the next arrival.
 I will return the estimates by the
 mail with this.

Sincerely,
 J. P. Washington

R. Snowden Esq.
 Director
 Mint
 Phila

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Treasury Department
October 29. 1854.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 28th and enclose herewith the authority to the Treasurer of the assay office, as you request.

Your requisition in favor of the Treasurer has also been received and a draft will be sent, if possible by tomorrow.

I am very Res^{ly}
P. H. Washington
Acting Sec^y Treasury.

Director of Mint

Yours

Treasury Department
October 29. 1854.

Sir

As a convenient mode of
paying the draft on the assay office at New
York of the Treasury of the Mint at
Philadelphia for \$500,000. You are authorized
to deliver to Adams & Co. from time to time, as
convenient, taking proper receipts for the same,
bars of gold bullion intended to be trans-
mitted to the Mint for coinage, whether to
be applied to the payment of the draft in question
sent on under the authority of my letter of
the 13th inst.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,
Yours,
A. A. Washington
Acting Sec. Treasury.

J. P. Cisco Esq
To Assay Office N. Y.
~~Chief Clerk of the Mint~~
~~Director of the Mint~~
~~Director~~

When the draft shall have been paid it will be transmitted to you
your books. The amount of the gold sent for coinage you will
receive from the Mint in the usual way.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 5. 1854.

Sir

In reply to yours of the 18th
 instant which was duly received I have to
 say that, under all the circumstances it is
 deemed advisable to continue the employment
 of M^{rs}. Adams & Co. in transporting specie
 for the Department.

You will be pleased to
 observe the security as proposed in such a sum
 you may deem proper -

I am very Resp^t
 Sec^y of the Treasury

R. Snowden Esq
 Director of the Mint
 Philad^a.

Treasury Department
November 10th 1854.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant is received, and in reply I have to state that the temporary employment of Mr. O. R. Frost to Calculate and Stamp Pass at the Assay Office in New York, at a salary of \$4 per day, Sundays included, is hereby authorized.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia:
Pa.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 14. 1854.

Sir

I send by this mail
a Box containing a specimen of ore with a
note from the person from whom it was received.
I will thank you (unless it be inconvenient to
do) to comply with the wishes of the party and
to return his note to this office with the
result of the assay.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Revenue Department
Nov 18 1864

Sir

I have duly received your letter
of the 14th instant, with its enclosure.
The table of carriage, I herewith
return, as I do not find in it any
notice of the Carriage at San Francisco.
Please correct this omission
if you have the means and
again transmit the statement.

I have offered my appraisal
to the regulations prepared by you
and you will therefore transmit
copies for the observance of the
Advisory office and Branch Agents.
I am bound to say however in
doing so that the regulations are ^{in my opinion} ~~not~~
defective in several particulars
Sincerely Very

Wm Howard Lloyd
Secy of the Rev. Comm. San Francisco

Treasury Department

November 16th 1854.

Sir - Your letter of the 11th Inst, was duly received. A difficulty arises in the payment of the bill of Messrs. Maher & Sandis, from the fact that there is to the credit of the Appropriation for the incidental and contingent expenses of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, a balance of less than \$4,000.

The only mode which suggests itself to the Department, by which the account can be settled is, to authorize the payment of the amount from the contingent funds of the Mint proper, for the present; to be met and to that appropriation, at some future period.

If therefore you see no objection to this course, you are authorized to cause the amount to be paid to Messrs. Maher & Sandis from that appropriation.

I return herewith the papers received, with your letter above referred to.

I am

J. Rep. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
Nov. 17. 1864.

Sir

I have received your
letter on the specimen of ore received
from Georgia and will thank you
to return to the Department the letter
on the facts which accompanied it.
It is in order that he may be furnished
with a copy of the report.

I am very Respd
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

Wm. Snowden &
Druck Menn.
Philad.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 18th 1854

Sir,

The nomination submitted in your letter of the 15th inst.
of Michael Cox as Door-keeper, in the place of James P.
Fagan, who declines the appointment, is approved.

Very respectfully,
Yr. Obedt Servt

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Samuel F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent of the Assay Office
New York
N.Y.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 24 1854.

Si

I have to request you will
transmit to me a statement
showing the whole amount of
Silver coined at the Mint and
branches under the act of 21
Feb 1853. and the places to
which it has been distributed
by transfer. and I will be glad
if you will send the statement
as soon as it can be prepared.

Sincerely Respy

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

A. A. Snowden Esq

Director of the
Mint Phila.

Treasury Department
 Dec. 30. 1852.

Sir

I enclose herewith an
 account of Messrs. Adams & Co. for \$250.
 for transportation of silver coins from the
 Branch Mint at N. Orleans to St. Louis.

The account is found to be correct and
 is to be paid by you from the profits which
 have accrued on the coinage of silver.

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie
 Sec. Treasury

James Brown &
 Treasurer Br. Mint
 N. Orleans.

Treasury Department
December 2nd 1854

Sir,

The President has this day appointed George N. Child, Esq. Chief Coiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia; vice Franklin Peale, removed. I have notified Mr. Peale of this appointment and his removal and herewith inclose to you a duplicate of the letter, in order that you may give him notice of the change, in case the notice addressed by the Department should fail to reach him -

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt Servt
James M. Smith

Secretary of the Treasury

James N. Snowden Esq
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Treasury Department
December 2^d 1854

Sir,

I am instructed by the President to inform you that he has appointed George N. Childs Esq Chief Coiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and that your services in that capacity are no longer required.

Very respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Franklin Peale Esq
Philadelphia
Pa.

Treasury Department
Dec. 3. 1854.

Sir

It is directed that \$50,000 in silver be sent to the Assistant Treasurer at S. Francisco by the steamer of the 5th inst. Be pleased to make the necessary arrangement with Messrs. Adams & Co. for its transportation in time for the steamer and to send it in coins of the different denominations. The transfer draft cannot be sent to day, but will be forwarded by to morrow's mail.

I am very Resp:
Yours truly
Sec. Treasury.

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer Mount
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Dec. 14th 1854

As requested in your letter of the 10th inst.
I have directed one copy of an order for
credit to be sent by the assay balances' and to be
per steamer "Africa" for the use of your office.

Very respectfully

Yours etc.

Samuel Guthrie
Actg. Secy. of the Treasury

Sam. S. Krummrich Esq
Supt. of assay office
New York

Treasury Department
December 5. 1854

Sir

I have fully considered the subject matter, contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, together with the statements and explanations of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, and am of opinion that the bullion deposited ^{in the Assay Office} for coinage, should be sent to the Mint as soon as it is assayed, and its value ascertained. In respect to all such bullion, the process of parting, refining, &c., will be done in the Mint. You will advise the Superintendent of this order.

The transfer drafts you ask will be issued in the form proposed.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Rose Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Treasury Department
Dec. 1. 1852

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ult. and those enclosed from the Superintendent and the Master Refiner of the assay office at N. York, I will thank you to ascertain another meter to be attached to the pipes as suggested in Mr. Kent's letter in order that his Department may have a sufficient supply of water.

I am very Resp.
Jas. Guthrie
Sec^y Treasury.

S. R. Snowden &
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
Dec^r. 6. 1864.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo I have to remark that the visit of M^r. Bienville referred to, having been sanctioned by the Department, it seems reasonable that his necessary expenses should be paid, and you will be pleased to authorize the payment from the ordinary fund of the Branch Office at N. Orleans.

I am very Resp^l
Yours truly
Sec^y of the Treasury.

A. N. Snowdon
Director of the Mint.
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
December 9 1854.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, asking to be furnished with the copy of your instructions to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, forwarded to the Department on the 7th of June last, and in reply I have to state that the said document cannot be found on the files of this Office.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt Servt
J. H. Washington
Secretary of the Treasury.

James P. Gordon Esq
Director

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
 Decemb 11. 1857

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst with the specimens of the Large Cent. Be pleased to send about 100 specimens also about the Composition - Cost - Actual Value - for the use of the Committee of Finance.

I am very Resp.
 W. H. Harrison
 Sec Treasury.

J. W. Snowden Esq.
 Dirctn of Mint
 Philad^a.

Surveying Department
Dec 20th 1880

Sir,

I have received your letter of Dec 13th, with an estimate of the cost (200 dollars) for putting up the steam boiler and constructing a new furnace, and with a statement that sundry other articles are required for the preparation of feasible designs.

You will please to give an estimate of the cost of each of these articles. And as you state it will be necessary to erect some walls, make an addition to the chimney, and to place the steam boiler into the premises, you will please to give an estimate of the cost of these works. And, as all these improvements are to be made in a ^{permanent} laboratory, you will please to show the proportion and ~~permanent~~ ^{permanent} cost of the same, can be best answered to the United States.

Very respectfully,
J. H. Thompson
Secretary of the Treasury

To the

United States.

J. H. Thompson

Philadelphia.

Treasury Dept.
Dec. 21. 1854

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication received from S. R. Brown a Special Agent of this Department in relation to the importation at S. Francisco of a Cargo of Soda for the use of the Manufacture of acids. I will thank you to furnish an explanation of the transaction and to take such measures as may be requisite to secure the necessary supplies for the use of the Branch Mint at S. Francisco.

I am very Resp.
W. Washington
for the
Sec. Treasury.

S. R. Brown Esq.
Director Mint Philad^a

Treasury Department
Dec. 20. 1891

Sir

Your letter of the 17th has been received and you are authorized to increase the price to be given for silver bullion at N. Orleans and S. Francisco as proposed by you.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,
Wm. H. Burleigh
Secy. Treasury

J. N. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mints.

Treasury Department
Dec. 23. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. - and so of that of the 11th inst. covering the proposed legislation respecting the transfer of bullion and coins between the assay office at St. Geo. and the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

I beg leave to suggest whether the course proposed by you viz. that the bullion received at the Mint shall be received for in the name of the Treasurer as collected by him on the usual warrant of the ^{Director} Treasurer - should not be extended to the assay office - and the amount of coins received there be accounted for in the same manner.

If this be done and Duplicates of the Warrants thus issued by the Director & Superintendent respectively sent to the Department - and the Treasurers of the Mint and Assay Office appear to their weekly statement of the Treasurer general account a statement showing the condition of their bullion funds

and the Department will always understand
the condition of these funds without further
reference to the Treasury or Treasury office.

If these suggestions meet your views be
pleased to give the necessary instructions to have
them carried out and, in that event the Regulations
submitted by you may be considered as approved
as, is, also the course pursued by you in the trans-
fer of the coins to the Treasury office and referred to in
your last communication.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
John C. Calhoun
Sec. of the Treasury

W. R. Brewster Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department
Dec. 23rd 1856.

Sir

Your letter of the 22nd has been received, and you are hereby authorized to make the expenditures therein specified, amounting in all to a sum not exceeding \$150, towards fitting up your laboratory for the preparation of fusible alloys.

Very Respectfully

P. S. Washington
Secretary of the Treasury.

To

Jos. C. Booth

Alloy & Refiner,

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Dec. 26. 1854.

Sir

Referring to the letter of
W. D. May addressed to you on the 18th instant
and submitted before to the Department, I
have to remark that in fixing the expenses:
of the officers of the assay office at N.
York a compound basis was assumed from
the salaries at the Mint and different branches.
This being done there is no authority to
make a change without the sanction of
Congress.

I am very Respe.
J. M. Wilson
Sec. of the Treasury

S. S. Butterworth & Co.

Sup't. assay office
N. York.

Treasury Department
Dec. 30. 1854.

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst enclosing an address to you by E. M. Henry Miller and Refiners. I shall be pleased to let the work necessary for a settlement of the annual accounts be completed - after that shall be done if there be an excess in the number of workmen, the surplus must be discharged - In the mean time you will fill any vacancies that may occur.

I am very Resp.
J. M. McKim
Sec Treasury

S. J. Butterworth
Sup. Assay Office
N. York